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HOG INVENTORY UP

North Carolina hog producers had a record high inventory of 2.8 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 1990, up 9% from a year earlier. Breeding stock at 330,000 head was up 6% from the previous year while market hogs, totaling 2.47 million head, were up 9%.

Tar Heel producers intend to farrow 155,000 sows during the next 3 months—December 1990-February 1991, up 3% from the same period a year ago. March-May 1991 farrowings are expected to total 165,000, up 3% from the same period a year earlier.

During the past six month period, June-November, North Carolina producers farrowed 310,000 sows, up 3% from the comparable period a year earlier. Pigs per litter averaged 8.3, a new record high for this period. The pig crop totaled 2,574,000 head, up 6% from the previous year.

Hogs and pigs on farms December 1, 1990 in the United States are estimated at 54.6 million head, up 1% from a year earlier. Breeding inventory, at 6.87 million head, is unchanged from the same period last year. Market hogs totaled 47.7 million head, 2% above a year ago.

Nationally, producers intend to farrow 5.71 million sows during the December 1990-May 1991 period. If realized, farrowings will be 1% below the same period last year.

The U.S. June-November 1990 pig crop totaled 44.8 million head, unchanged from the previous year. The average litter size was 7.86 pigs, up 1% from last year and a record high for this period.

HOGS AND PIGS — DECEMBER 1, 1990 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, 1989-1991

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
NUMBER ON FARMS DEC. 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,570	2,800	109	53,821	54,562	101
Kept for breeding	310	330	106	6,862	6,872	100
Market	2,260	2,470	109	46,959	47,690	102
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	930	1,055	113	17,195	17,881	104
60-119 Lbs.	515	565	110	12,183	12,224	100
120-179 Lbs.	435	455	105	9,673	9,679	100
180 Lbs. and Over	380	395	104	7,908	7,906	100
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,700	2,650	98	55,880	53,850	96
Kept for breeding	320	320	100	7,315	7,075	97
Market	2,380	2,330	98	48,565	46,775	96
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	150	150	100	2,723	2,600	95
March-May	160	160	100	3,318	3,142	95
December[1]-May	310	310	100	6,041	5,742	95
June-August	150	150	100	2,977	2,879	97
September-November	150	160	107	2,798	2,819	101
June-November	300	310	103	5,775	5,698	99
PIG CROP:						
December[1]-February	1,230	1,215	99	21,168	20,349	96
March-May	1,304	1,312	101	26,070	24,958	96
December[1]-May	2,534	2,527	100	47,238	45,307	96
June-August	1,223	1,230	101	23,192	22,737	98
September-November	1,200	1,344	112	21,644	22,044	102
June-November	2,423	2,574	106	44,836	44,780	100
	Number			Number		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December[1]-February	8.20	8.10	99	7.77	7.83	101
March-May	8.15	8.20	101	7.86	7.94	101
December[1]-May	8.17	8.15	100	7.82	7.89	101
June-August	8.15	8.20	101	7.79	7.90	101
September-November	8.00	8.40	105	7.74	7.82	101
June-November	8.08	8.30	103	7.76	7.86	101

	Sows to Farrow		1991 As % Of 1990	Sows of Farrow		1991 As % Of 1990
	1990	1991		1990	1991	
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	150	155	103	2,600	2,642	102
March-May	160	165	103	3,142	3,071	98
December[1]-May	310	320	103	5,742	5,713	99

[1] December preceding year.

SPECIAL ACREAGE INTENTIONS SURVEY

The National Agricultural Statistics Service will conduct a special planting intentions survey the last 2 weeks in January. Over 700 North Carolina farmers will be contacted to help provide preliminary 1991 national acreage intentions for corn, sorghum, soybeans, barley, wheat and cotton. The national level estimates are important because provisions in the 1990 Farm Bill offer new planting flexibility to farmers. Growers can now more readily follow market signals as a guide to production decisions and can plant other crops on program acres eligible for deficiency payments. Results from the survey will be available February 11, 1991 and provide producers with early indications of what acreage shifts might be expected in 1991.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 30.0 million, up 1% from November 1989. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.3 million on December 1, 1990, up 8% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 171,000 during November 1990, down sharply from November 1989.

CHICKS HATCHED — NOVEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousands		*Percent*
Alabama	1,285	866	67
Arkansas	1,016	1,155	114
California	2,168	1,631	75
Florida	2,436	1,859	76
Georgia	1,168	1,367	117
Indiana	5,334	5,052	95
Iowa	1,839	1,727	94
Kansas	204	338	166
Minnesota	1,106	1,647	149
Missouri	545	596	109
Pennsylvania	2,905	3,800	131
South Carolina	403	570	141
Other States [1]	9,253	9,383	101
UNITED STATES	29,662	29,991	101

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.*

MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during November 1990 totaled 125 million pounds, up 3% from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 100,000 head, down 4,000 from the previous year. The average milk per cow at 1,245 pounds was up 80 pounds from November 1989.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during November 1990 totaled 10.0 billion pounds, 4% above production in these same states in November 1989. October revised production, at 10.2 billion pounds, was 4% above October 1989. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,171 pounds for November, 39 pounds more than November 1989. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.55 million head, 12,000 more than October 1990 and 23,000 head more than November 1989.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the November 1990 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 490 million, was 4% above November of last year. There were 450 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 1990, up 5% from a year earlier.

Leading primary breeders placed 4.71 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 1990, up 18% from November 1989.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 46.6 million broiler chicks during November 1990, up 4% from a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED — NOVEMBER

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**44,685**	**46,594**	**104**
Alabama	72,543	76,727	106
Arkansas	86,029	87,200	101
Delaware	14,433	13,617	94
Florida	10,077	9,621	95
Georgia	69,417	69,233	100
Maryland	27,406	29,707	108
Mississippi	29,766	30,974	104
Pennsylvania	10,313	10,325	100
South Carolina	6,031	6,208	103
Texas	26,982	28,717	106
Virginia	13,269	13,435	101
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	25,298	27,296	108
Washington & Oregon	4,431	4,697	106
Other States [1]	28,961	35,827	124
UNITED STATES	469,641	490,178	104
15 STATES [2]	436,249	449,654	103

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.* [2] *States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U.S. total.*

MILK PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1989	1990	1989	1990	Pounds		1990 As % of 1989
					1989	1990	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**104**	**100**	**1,165**	**1,245**	**121**	**125**	**103**
Florida	183	182	1,050	1,120	192	204	106
Maryland	104	107	1,050	1,150	109	123	113
Virginia	142	142	1,140	1,175	162	167	103
21 STATES	8,531	8,554	1,132	1,171	9,654	10,021	104

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

PEANUT STOCKS

U.S. peanut stocks in commercial storage on November 30, 1990 totaled 2.98 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. This total includes 2.46 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 500 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 25.6 million pounds. There were 381 million pounds of commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of November 30, 1990.

Shelled peanut stocks on November 30, 1990, totaled 376 million pounds of which 345 million pounds were edible grades and 31.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 114.1 million pounds; Runners, 192.3 million pounds; and Spanish, 38.2 million pounds.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 1990, totaled 30.1 million, 3% above the 29.2 million a year earlier. The 21.6 million poults placed during November 1990, in the United States were up 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators December 1			Poults Placed During November [1]		
	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,444**	**10,563**	**112**	**7,138**	**7,527**	**105**
East North Central	3,712	3,796	102	2,868	2,594	90
West North Central	8,379	7,895	94	5,564	5,952	107
South Central	3,175	3,816	120	2,237	2,853	128
West	4,443	3,996	90	2,926	2,703	92
UNITED STATES	29,153	30,066	103	20,733	21,629	104

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — DECEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**10,208**	**11,047**	**108**	**4,715**	**5,765**	**122**
East North Central	3,803	5,457	143	7,942	7,758	98
West North Central	8,058	9,783	121	3,643	4,003	110
South Atlantic	171,801	175,479	102	4,000	5,148	129
South Central	214,052	225,238	105	3,828	3,582	94
West	21,786	22,520	103	3,923	4,050	103
UNITED STATES	429,708	449,524	105	28,051	30,306	108

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1990 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1988	1989	1990	1989	1989	1990	1991
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	145	142	149	105	2,909	2,538	2,502
February	159	199	167	84	2,829	2,558	2,553
March	208	215	217	101	2,822	2,525	2,666
April	233	330	173	52	2,823	2,609	2,519
May	239	131	202	154	2,736	2,586	2,485
June	367	284	242	85	2,706	2,684	2,394
July	250	270	321	119	2,588	2,653	
August	199	166	279	168	2,585	2,660	
September	234	318	171	54	2,625	2,628	
October	212	189	155	82	2,632	2,630	
November	164	262	171	65	2,729	2,473	
December	178	147			2,621	2,544	
ANN. TOT.	2,588	2,653					

[1] *Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.* [2] *For November 1990, includes pullet chicks placed May 1989 through April 1990.*

NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 236 million eggs during November 1990, down 11% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 138 million table eggs and 98 million hatching eggs, down 13% and 7% respectively from 1989. The average number of layers on hand during November was 12.4 million, down 8% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million for table eggs and 5.5 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

The nation's laying flocks produced 17.0 billion eggs during the September through November quarter, up 2% from the corresponding quarter a year ago. Production included 14.8 billion table eggs, 2.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs, and 181 million egg-type hatching eggs. Layers for the quarter averaged 273 million, up 2% from the 269 million a year ago.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 1990 totaled 275 million, up 2% from the 271 million layers a year ago. The 275 million layers consisted of 234 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 38.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 1990 averaged 69.7 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION — NOVEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	Thousands		*Millions Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,540**	**12,443**	**264**	**236**	**159**	**138**	**105**	**98**
Alabama	9,448	9,341	179	182	87	84	92	98
Florida	10,655	11,106	210	225	197	209	13	16
Georgia	17,954	17,796	357	357	246	242	111	115
South Carolina	5,333	5,598	116	120	106	110	10	10
UNITED STATES	270,042	272,947	5,556	5,712	4,852	4,979	704	733

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NOVEMBER LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER DOWN

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during November 1990 totaled 65.3 million pounds live weight, down 15% from a year ago. Hog slaughter, at 52.8 million pounds, was down 18% from a year ago. Cattle slaughter totaled 12.4 million pounds, up 1%. Calf slaughter, at 87,000 pounds, was down 4,000 pounds. The average live weight per head was: cattle 989 pounds; calves 339 pounds; hogs 245 pounds; sheep and lambs, 97 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during November 1990 totaled 43.8 million pounds dress weight, down 16% from a year ago.

Commercial red meat production for the United States in November 1990, totaled 3.28 billion pounds dress weight, down 4% from last year. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

In comparing November 1990 with November 1989; beef production, at 1.84 billion pounds dress weight, was down 3%. Head kill totaled 2.70 million, down 3%. The average live weight decreased 9 pounds to 1,144. Veal production, at 29.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 4%. Calf slaughter totaled 155,000 head, down 15% and the average live weight increased 38 pounds to 294. Pork production, at 1.37 billion pounds dress weight, was down 5%. Hog kill totaled 7.54 million head, down 6% from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 253. Lamb and mutton production, at 30.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 3% from last year. Slaughter totaled 481,000 head, down fractionally. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 125.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER — NOVEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	12.2	12.5	12,229	12,386	2.8	2.7	3,212	3,090
Calves	.3	.3	91	87	.2	.2	47	45
Sheep & Lambs	.2	.1	13	12	.5	.5	61	60
Hogs	271.2	215.4	64,600	52,820	8.0	7.5	2,016	1,905
TOTAL	283.9	228.3	76,933	65,305	11.5	10.9	5,336	5,100

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*

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TURKEYS RAISED IN 1990 UP

North Carolina turkey producers raised a record high 58.0 million turkeys in 1990, up 11% from the 52.2 million the previous year. Turkeys raised in the United States during 1990 totaled 283 million, 8% more than the 261 million raised during 1989.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 58.0 million followed by Minnesota with 46.3 million; California with 32.0 million; Arkansas with 22.0 million; Missouri with 18.0 million, and Virginia with 17.0 million. These states account for over two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1990.

Turkey growers in 20 major producing states intend to raise 281 million turkeys in 1991, up 5% from the 267 million in 1990. The number of turkeys actually raised in 1991 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED

STATE	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989	1991 [1]	1991 As % Of 1990
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head	Percent
North Carolina	**52,200**	**58,000**	**111**	**63,000**	**109**
Arkansas	19,800	22,000	111	23,200	105
California	30,200	32,000	106	33,000	103
Colorado	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Georgia	1,900	2,010	106	2,050	102
Indiana	13,200	13,700	104	14,300	104
Iowa	7,600	8,800	116	9,700	110
Minnesota	43,100	46,300	107	47,500	103
Missouri	17,300	18,000	104	18,500	103
North Dakota	1,280	1,350	105	1,400	104
Ohio	4,100	4,750	116	4,800	101
Oklahoma	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Oregon	2,100	2,300	110	2,300	100
Pennsylvania	8,400	8,430	100	8,500	101
South Carolina	5,360	5,500	103	6,100	111
South Dakota	2,220	2,600	117	2,320	89
Texas	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Utah	3,590	3,930	109	3,930	100
Virginia	16,600	17,000	102	18,700	110
Wisconsin	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Other States [2]	19,500	20,300	104	21,210	104
20 STATE TOTAL	248,450	266,970	107	280,510	105
U.S. TOTAL	261,280	283,000	108		

[1] *Intentions to raise turkeys made in 20 States only.* [2] *Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.*

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION UP 92%

North Carolina farmers produced 271,000 bales of cotton in 1990. This is up 4% from the earlier forecast and up 92% from the previous year's production of 141,000 bales. This production forecast is based primarily on reports from cotton ginners as of January 1, 1991. Acres harvested are estimated at 200,000, unchanged from the December 1 estimate but 90,000 acres more than in 1989. The average yield per acre of 650 pounds is 35 pounds above the previous year's average.

U.S. upland cotton production in 1990 is expected to total 15.3 million bales, 33% above the 1989 crop and 2% above the December 1 forecast.

UPLAND COTTON, January 1, 1991

STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION [1]		
	1988	1989	1990	1988	1989	1990	1988	1989	1990	1988	1989	1990
	Thousand Acres						Pounds			Thousand Bales [2]		
North Carolina	**126.0**	**112.0**	**201.0**	**124.0**	**110.0**	**200.0**	**515**	**615**	**650**	**133.0**	**141.0**	**271.0**
Alabama	390.0	328.0	390.0	375.0	322.0	388.0	486	571	495	380.0	383.0	400.0
Arizona	350.0	240.0	350.0	349.0	239.0	348.0	1,190	1,303	1,131	[illegible]	649.0	820.0
Arkansas	695.0	610.0	770.0	675.0	595.0	750.0	742	687	704	1,044.0	851.0	1,100.0
California	1,350.0	1,050.0	1,070.0	1,335.0	1,040.0	1,060.0	1,015	1,228	1,245	2,82[illegible]	2,661.0	2,750.0
Florida	33.0	25.5	37.0	29.0	25.0	36.0	566	557	600	34.2	29.0	45.0
Georgia	350.0	265.0	355.0	315.0	260.0	350.0	564	631	562	370.0	342.0	410.0
Kansas	1.0	1.5	1.5	.9	.4	1.3	373	240	406	.7	.2	1.1
Louisiana	735.0	645.0	810.0	645.0	620.0	790.0	705	672	717	948.0	868.0	1,180.0
Mississippi	1,230.0	1,050.0	1,225.0	1,190.0	1,020.0	1,215.0	736	732	731	1,825.0	1,555.0	1,850.0
Missouri	245.0	214.0	248.0	242.0	209.0	235.0	607	618	623	306.0	269.0	305.0
N. Mexico	77.0	61.0	69.0	69.0	55.0	62.0	710	698	774	102.0	80.0	100.0
Oklahoma	460.0	370.0	385.0	435.0	340.0	365.0	334	244	500	303.0	173.0	380.0
South Carolina	145.0	120.0	155.0	142.0	118.0	154.0	473	626	425	140.0	154.0	145.0
Tennessee	535.0	465.0	525.0	530.0	460.0	520.0	529	497	452	584.0	476.0	490.0
Texas	5,600.0	4,650.0	5,600.0	5,300.0	3,750.0	5,000.0	472	367	480	5,215.0	2,870.0	5,000.0
Virginia	3.2	2.7	5.3	3.2	2.6	5.3	510	498	598	3.4	2.7	6.6
U. S.	12,325.2	10,209.7	12,196.8	11,759.1	9,166.0	11,479.6	615	602	638	15,077.3	11,503.9	15,253.7

[1] *Production ginned and to be ginned.* [2] *480-lb. net weight bales.*

N.C. CORN STOCKS DOWN 11% SOYBEAN STOCKS DOWN 5%

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on December 1, 1990, totaled 52.7 million bushels, 11% less than the same quarter in 1989. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 29.0 million bushels, down 9% from 1989. Off-farm holdings totaled 23.7 million bushels, down 12% from a year earlier.

North Carolina soybean stocks in all positions totaled 28.7 million bushels, 5% less than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 13.0 million bushels, were down 26% while off-farm stocks increased 23% from a year earlier to 15.7 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, DECEMBER 1, 1990, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	23,000	17,000	33,393	24,245	56,393	41,245
June 1	10,000	7,000	18,586	13,139	28,586	20,139
September 1	3,500	1,800	11,694	5,344	15,194	7,144
December 1	32,000	**29,000**	27,000	**23,747**	59,000	**52,747**
SOYBEANS						
March 1	6,000	7,500	11,872	12,314	17,872	19,814
June 1	2,300	2,200	4,199	5,485	6,499	7,685
September 1	900	1,200	1,256	4,124	2,156	5,324
December 1	17,500	**13,000**	12,710	**15,651**	30,210	**28,651**
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	[2]	150	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]
June 1	[2]	100	[2]	1,406	[2]	1,506
September 1	[2]	2,000	[2]	8,686	[2]	10,686
December 1	[2]	**1,600**	[2]	**6,300**	[2]	**7,900**
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1 [3]	3,021,000	2,910,500	2,182,926	1,901,921	5,203,926	4,812,421
June 1	2,022,000	1,623,500	1,397,302	1,219,708	3,419,302	2,843,208
September 1 [3]	967,500	754,800	962,928	589,657	1,930,428	1,344,457
December 1 [3]	4,698,800	**4,874,000**	2,383,275	**2,066,013**	7,082,075	**6,940,013**
ALL WHEAT						
March 1 [3]	463,000	376,000	764,711	567,109	1,227,711	943,109
June 1	289,000	212,500	412,626	323,955	701,626	536,455
September 1 [3]	832,000	1,000,000	1,086,046	1,409,504	1,918,046	2,409,504
December 1 [3]	592,000	**762,000**	830,490	**1,147,486**	1,422,490	**1,909,486**
SOYBEANS						
March 1	415,000	535,800	475,246	519,705	890,246	1,055,505
June 1	229,200	255,300	235,311	340,614	464,511	595,914
September 1	87,320	86,000	94,709	153,139	182,029	239,139
December 1 [3]	793,400	**754,000**	817,316	**929,963**	1,610,716	**1,683,963**
SORGHUM						
March 1	[4]	88,050	[4]	425,549	[4]	513,599
June 1	85,200	44,500	473,768	290,484	558,968	334,984
September 1	47,800	30,300	391,712	189,459	439,512	219,759
December 1	[4]	**140,000**	[4]	**372,255**	[4]	**512,255**

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *N.C. data not published separately.*
[3] *Revised.* [4] *Not available.*

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY DECLINED

Capacity of off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 90.2 million bushels in North Carolina on December 1, 1990. This is a 4% decrease from December 1, 1989. The number of facilities, at 354, were down 26 from a year earlier.

Capacity of on-farm storage on December 1, 1990 totaled 120 million bushels, unchanged from a year ago.

ON AND OFF FARM STORAGE CAPACITIES DECEMBER 1, 1989, 1990

Year	OFF FARM		ON FARM
	Number of Facilities	Rated Storage Capacity	Storage Capacity
		Thousand Bushels	*Million Bushels*
N.C.			
1989	380	94,200	120
1990	354	90,240	120
U.S.			
1989	13,517[1]	9,384,430[1]	12,800[2]
1990	13,225	9,105,440	12,400[2]

[1] *Revised* [2] *Sampling error for 1989 is .9% and 1.3% for 1990.*

N.C. HAY STOCKS

Hay stocks on North Carolina farms December 1, 1990 totaled 768,000 tons, down 11% from the same period a year earlier. Hay stocks on May 1, 1990 totaled 244,000 tons, up 118% from the May 1, 1989 total.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS MAY 1 & DECEMBER 1, 1989-90

YEAR	HAY STOCKS ON FARMS	
	May 1	December 1
	1,000 tons	
1989	112	859
1990	244	768

N.C. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS DOWN BUT RYE SEEDINGS UP

Winter wheat seedings for the 1991 crop in North Carolina are estimated at 550,000 acres, down 8% from the 1990 crop. Rye area seeded for 1991 is 140,000 acres, up 40% from last season.

U.S. winter wheat area seeded for 1991 harvest totals 51.0 million acres, down 10% from 1990. The U.S. 1991 area for rye seeded for all purposes is 1.71 million acres, up 5% from 1990.

WINTER WHEAT AND RYE SEEDINGS [1] SELECTED STATES

STATE	WINTER WHEAT				RYE			
	1989	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1989	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Acres			Percent	Thousand Acres			Percent
North Carolina	**680**	**600**	**550**	**92**	**150**	**100**	**140**	**140**
Florida	80	65	50	77	-	-	-	-
Georgia	800	650	550	85	320	300	330	110
Kentucky	630	700	670	96	50	[2]	[2]	-
South Carolina	460	400	300	75	80	60	75	125
Tennessee	540	580	450	78	-	-	-	-
Virginia	300	290	270	93	140	110	100	91
U.S. TOTAL	55,091	56,998	51,018	90	2,014	1,625	1,709	105

[1] *Total area seeded for all purposes.* [2] *Estimates discontinued.*

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during December 1990 totaled 134 million pounds, up 5% from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 101,000 head, down 2,000 from the previous year. The average milk per cow at 1,330 pounds was up 90 pounds from December 1989.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during December 1990 totaled 10.5 billion pounds, 4% above production in these same states in December 1989. November revised production, at 10.0 billion pounds, was 4% above November 1989. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,222 pounds for December, 46 pounds above December 1989. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.56 million head, 4,000 less than November 1990 but 11,000 head more than December 1989.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on January 1, 1991, averaged 17.6 pounds, 0.3 pound less than January 1, 1990. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on January 1, averaged $7.84 per hundredweight, 18 cents below the January 1, 1990 price.

MILK PRODUCTION - DECEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1989	1990	1989	1990	Pounds 1989	Pounds 1990	1990 As % of 1989
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**103**	**101**	**1,240**	**1,330**	**128**	**134**	**105**
Florida	182	185	1,175	1,220	214	226	106
Maryland	106	108	1,075	1,170	114	126	111
Virginia	141	141	1,180	1,220	166	172	104
21 STATES	8,544	8,555	1,176	1,222	10,047	10,457	104

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The December 1990 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 244% of its 1967 base, was up 3 points from November. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, soybeans, peanuts, broilers, eggs, and apples. The index was 3 points above a year earlier.

The December 1990 "All Crops" index, at 259, was up 10 points from a month earlier and 13 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for December 1990, at 219, was down 7 points from November and 12 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for December 1990, at 268, was down 6 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 197, was down one point. The dairy index, at 209, went down 31 points from a month earlier.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators January 1			Poults Placed During December [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**10,207**	**11,295**	**111**	**7,620**	**8,172**	**107**
East North Central	4,365	4,170	96	2,488	2,634	106
West North Central	8,830	8,945	101	5,617	5,986	107
South Central	3,741	3,959	106	2,530	2,979	118
West	5,343	4,931	92	3,256	3,006	92
UNITED STATES	32,486	33,300	103	21,511	22,777	106

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 1991, totaled 33.3 million, 3% above the 32.5 million a year earlier. The 22.8 million poults placed during December 1990, in the United States were up 6% from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in December 1990 was $1.740 per pound, up 4.5 cents from the previous month and 7.1 cents above a year ago. Prices received for corn at $2.55 per bushel, were unchanged from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.62 per bushel, were up 2 cents from the previous month. Peanuts, at 44.1 cents per pound, were up 11.1 cents.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in December, at $46.20 per hundredweight, were down 90 cents from November and $1.20 below a year earlier. Broilers, at 28.0 cents per pound were up 1.0 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 32.0 cents per pound, were down 15.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 65.5 cents per dozen, were up 3.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.40 per hundredweight, was down $2.00 from a month earlier. Apples, at 19.1 cents per pound, were .3 cents above the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Dec. 1989	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1990	Dec. 1989	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1990
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.669	1.695	1.740	1.674	1.740	1.835
Corn	Bu.	2.75	2.55	2.55	2.27	2.17	2.18
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.53	1.16	1.10
Soybeans	Bu.	5.67	5.60	5.62	5.64	5.78	5.74
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.299	.330	.441 [4]	.282	.401	.477 [4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	47.40	47.10	46.20	48.20	50.20	47.60
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.260	.270	.280	.286	.282	.288
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.400	.470	.320	.393	.430	.356
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.761	.623	.655	.776	.662	.703
Milk, All	Cwt.	17.00	15.40	13.40	16.00	12.80	12.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.81	5.28	5.39
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.184	.188	.191	.121	.202	.208
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	83.10	81.50	80.70

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*
[4] *Based on sales during the first half of the month.*

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1990 ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: North Carolina flue-cured production in 1990 totaled 621.8 million pounds, 18% more than 1989. The rise in production is attributed to an increase in yield and acreage. Growers harvested 277 thousand acres, 18 thousand more than 1989. Yield per acre averaged 2,245 pounds, 206 pounds more than last year. The value of the flue-cured crop totaled $1.0 billion, compared with $885 million in 1989. Farmers received an average price of $1.679 per pound, fractionally above last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is estimated at 938 million pounds, 16% more than a year ago and up 15% from 1988. Compared with last year, higher yields, coupled with increased acreage, produced the larger crop. Yield per acre, at 2,244 pounds, gained 175 pounds from last year's average and was 25 pounds above 1988. Acres harvested were up 7% from a year ago and 14% greater than 1988.

BURLEY TOBACCO: Burley production is estimated at 17.9 million pounds, 38% more than a year earlier. Value of the crop is placed at $31.0 million.

U.S. burley production totaled 581 million pounds this year, 20% above a year ago and exceeded the 1988 output by 22%. The change from last year reflects an acreage increase and higher yields. The 266 thousand acreas harvested was 9% above 1989 and up 18% from 1988. This year's yield per acre averaged 2,183 pounds, 208 pounds more than a year ago and 75 pounds greater than two years earlier.

PEANUTS: The state's 1990 peanut crop is estimated at 484 million pounds, 31% above the 1989 production. Growers planted 165 thousand acres, 8% more than a year earlier. Area harvested, at 164 thousand acres, is also 8% above 1989. Yield per acre averaged 2,950 pounds, 515 pounds more than the previous season. Value of the 1990 crop is estimated at $154 million, up 43% from the 1989 crop value. The marketing year average price for 1990 is $.319 per pound compared with $.292 for the previous year.

U.S. production of peanuts in 1990 totaled 3.60 billion pounds, 10% less than the 1989 crop, and the smallest crop since 1983 when 3.30 billion pounds were produced. The planted area, at 1.84 million acres, was 10% greater than the previous year and was the largest planted area since 1956. Harvested area, estimated at 1.80 million acres, was the largest acreage harvested since 1951, and was also up 10% from 1989. Yields averaged 2,000 pounds per harvested acre, down 426 pounds from 1989.

CORN FOR GRAIN: North Carolina production of corn for grain in 1990 totaled 72.8 million bushels, 18% below the 1989 production of 88.4 million bushels. Tar Heel farmers harvested 1.07 million acres with an average yield of 68 bushels per acre. This compares with 950 thousand acres harvested in 1989 with an average yield of 93 bushels per acre. The value of the crop totaled $189 million, down 20% from the previous year's crop. Average price was $2.60 per bushel, down $.07 from 1989.

U.S. corn for grain production is estimated at 7.93 billion bushels, up 5% from the 1989 crop. The U.S. production is virtually the same as the November 1 forecast. The U.S. yield is 118.5 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from last year, but 1.3 bushels below the 1987 record yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 67.0 million acres, up 3% from 1989.

SWEETPOTATOES: North Carolina sweetpotato production in 1990 totaled 4.93 million cwt., 21% above the 1989 production and 12% above the production in 1988. Harvested area, at 34 thousand acres, is unchanged from 1989. Average yield per acre is estimated at 145 cwt., 25 cwt. above a year ago. The sweetpotato crop was valued at $51.3 million, down 33% from 1989. The average price, at $10.40 per cwt., was 44% below the previous year.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes is estimated at 13.0 million cwt. for 1990, up 15% from a year earlier and 19% above 1988. Growers harvested 90.4 thousand acres in 1990, a gain of 5% from a year ago and 6% above 1988. The average yield was a record 144 cwt. per acre, up 12 cwt. from the previous crop and 16 cwt. above two years ago.

HAY: The 1990 production of all hay in North Carolina is estimated at 1.01 million tons, 13% below the 1989 crop. Of the total production, 87 thousand tons were alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures and 924 thousand tons were all other hays. Area harvested, at 470 thousand acres, is down 9% from a year earlier. The average yield per acre, at 2.15 tons, is .10 ton below the 1989 average. The value of the hay crop is estimated at $60.7 million, compared with $74.3 million the previous year. Price per ton averaged $60.00 compared with $64.00 in 1989.

U.S. production of all hay is estimated at 147 million tons, 1% more than last year and up 17% from 1988. The increase in production from a year ago came from higher yields which were partially offest by reduced acreage. The average yield of 2.39 tons per acre compares with the average of 2.30 tons per acre a year ago and the drought limited average of 1.94 tons of two years ago. Area harvested totaled 61.6 million acres, down 3% from 1989 and off 5% from 1988.

SOYBEANS: Production of soybeans is estimated at 32.4 million bushels, 23% less than 1989 production and 8% less than 1988 production. Harvested area was 1.35 million acres, 13% below the previous year. Yield per acre averaged 24.0 bushels, 3 bushels below the 1989 average. The value of production was placed at $185 million, 22% less than the 1989 value of $238 million. Farmers received an average price of $5.70 per bushel compared with the 1989 market year average price of $5.68 per bushel.

U.S. production of soybeans in 1990 totaled 1.92 billion bushels, less than 1% below 1989, but 1% above the November 1, 1990 forecast. Area planted in 1990 was 57.8 million acres and area harvested was 56.5 million acres, both 5% lower than the comparable acreages of 1989. The U.S. average yield of 34.0 bushels per acre is 1.7 bushels above the 1989 average and the second highest on record. In 1985, the U.S. average yield was 34.1 bushels per acre.

SORGHUM: Production of grain sorghum is estimated at 1.8 million bushels, down 43% from 1989. Area harvested for grain was 40,000 acres, 20,000 less than in 1989. The yield averaged 46 bushels per acre, an 8 bushel decrease from the previous year. The crop was valued at $4.2 million, 31% less than the 1989 crop. Average price was $2.30 per bushel compared with $1.90 per bushel received in 1989.

U.S. production of grain sorghum for 1990 is estimated at 571 million bushels, down 7% from 1989, but up 2% from the November 1 forecast. The U.S. average yield is 62.9 bushels per acre, up 7.5 and 2.4 bushels per acre from last year and the last forecast, respectively. Area for grain harvest is 9.08 million acres, down 18% from 1989.

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Crop, Vegetable, and Fr

CROPS	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YIELD P	
	1988	1989 [3]	1990	1988	1989	1990		1988	19
NORTH CAROLINA	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*					*Un*
FIELD CROPS									
Corn for Grain [4]	1,100	1,050	1,200	970	950	1,070	Bu.	84.0	9
Corn for Silage [5]	-	-	-	105	95	85	Ton	10.0	1
Soybeans for Beans	1,370	1,600	1,400	1,310	1,550	1,350	Bu.	27.0	2
Peanuts for Nuts	155.0	153.0	165.0	153.0	152.0	164.0	Lb.	2,745	2,4
Wheat for Grain	510	680	600	480	630	550	Bu.	50.0	3
Oats for Grain	100	100	80	55	55	40	Bu.	70.0	5
Barley for Grain	48	50	35	42	43	30	Bu.	68.0	4
Rye for Grain	140	150	100	30	25	15	Bu.	26.0	2
Sorghum for Grain [4]	85	90	65	55	60	40	Bu.	42.0	5
Sorghum for Silage [5]	-	-	-	30	23	20	Ton	7.0	1
Cotton, Upland [6]	126	112	201	124	110	200	Lb.	515	6
Tobacco, Type 11	-	-	-	92.0	98.0	106.0	Lb.	2,095	1,9
Type 12	-	-	-	118.0	127.0	135.0	Lb.	2,325	2,0
Type 13	-	-	-	32.0	34.0	36.0	Lb.	2,220	2,1
Type 11-13	-	-	-	242.0	259.0	277.0	Lb.	2,224	2,0
Type 31	-	-	-	7.9	7.7	8.5	Lb.	1,835	1,6
All	-	-	-	249.9	266.7	285.5	Lb.	2,211	2,0
HAY CROPS									
Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	30	35	30	Ton	2.75	3
Other	-	-	-	420	480	440	Ton	1.70	2
All	-	-	-	450	515	470	Ton	1.77	2
FRUITS AND NUTS				*Actual Acres*					
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-	
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-	
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-	
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	3,600	3,300	2,900	Lb.	3,860	2,9
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-	
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-	
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-	
POTATOES	*Actual Acres*								
Irish Potatoes, Spring	14,500	16,200	16,500	14,400	15,600	16,200	Cwt.	190	
Summer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	Cwt.	120	
All	16,000	17,700	18,000	15,800	17,000	17,600	Cwt.	184	
Sweetpotatoes	35,000	35,000	36,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	Cwt.	130	
FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES									
Snap Beans, All	7,000	6,500	7,000	6,700	6,000	6,700	Cwt.	32	
Cabbage, All [9]	6,400	6,200	5,700	6,200	6,000	5,400	Cwt.	180	
Sweet Corn	5,900	5,600	5,500	5,800	5,400	5,200	Cwt.	60	
Cucumbers	6,800	6,200	6,300	6,500	6,000	6,100	Cwt.	62	
Green Pepper	7,400	7,000	8,000	6,800	6,100	7,000	Cwt.	35	
Strawberries (Fresh & Proc.)	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	Cwt.	60	
Tomatoes	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,300	1,400	Cwt.	150	
Watermelons	8,800	9,000	10,000	8,600	7,400	9,500	Cwt.	150	
PROCESSING VEGETABLES									
Cucumbers	26,100	27,700	25,000	25,900	26,500	24,600	Ton	3.88	3
UNITED STATES	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*					*Un*
Corn for Grain [4]	67,717	72,221	74,171	58,250	64,703	66,952	Bu.	84.6	11
Soybeans for Beans	58,840	60,820	57,795	57,373	59,538	56,502	Bu.	27.0	3
Peanuts for Nuts	1,657	1,665	1,836	1,628	1,645	1,801	Lb.	2,445	2,4
Wheat for Grain, All	65,529	76,615	77,286	53,189	62,189	69,353	Bu.	34.1	3
Oats for Grain	13,910	12,085	10,423	5,533	6,882	5,940	Bu.	39.3	5
Barley for Grain	9,831	9,125	8,201	7,636	8,313	7,499	Bu.	38.0	4
Rye for Grain	2,374	2,014	1,625	595	484	373	Bu.	24.7	2
Cotton, All [6]	12,515	10,587	12,429	11,948	9,538	11,708	Lb.	619	
Hay, All	-	-	-	65,055	63,300	61,557	Ton.	1.94	2
Sorghum for Grain [4]	10,343	12,642	10,535	9,042	11,103	9,079	Bu.	63.8	5
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	-	-	-	366.4	390.7	418.0	Lb.	2,219	2,0
Burley	-	-	-	226.4	244.4	266.2	Lb.	2,108	1,9
All	-	-	-	634.0	678.2	730.2	Lb.	2,160	2,0

[1] *Received by Farmers.* [2] *Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.* [3] *Revised.* [4] *Planted for all p*
[9] *Includes small quantities for processing.* [10] *Not available.*

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PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [1]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [2]		
1988	1989 [3]	1990	1988	1989 [3]	1990	1988	1989 [3]	1990
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
81,480	88,350	72,760	2.91	2.67	2.60	237,107	235,895	189,176
1,050	1,425	1,020	-	-	-	-	-	-
35,370	41,850	32,400	7.46	5.68	5.70	263,860	237,708	184,680
419,985	370,120	483,800	.282	.292	.319	118,436	108,075	154,332
24,000	21,420	22,550	3.40	3.40	3.00	81,600	72,828	67,650
3,850	3,135	2,440	1.60	1.40	1.80	6,160	4,389	4,392
2,856	2,064	1,590	1.70	1.60	2.15	4,855	3,302	3,419
780	525	345	2.95	2.90	2.20	2,301	1,523	759
2,310	3,240	1,840	1.90	1.90	2.30	4,389	6,156	4,232
210	253	180	-		-	-	-	-
133	141	271	.540	.627	.675	34,474	42,435	87,804
192,740	190,610	221,540	1.588	1.638	1.680	306,071	320,797	372,187
274,350	265,430	319,950	1.625	1.675	1.690	445,819	444,595	540,716
71,040	72,080	80,280	1.621	1.658	1.630	115,156	119,509	130,856
538,130	528,120	621,770	1.611	1.676	1.679	867,046	884,901	1,043,759
14,497	12,936	17,850	1.593	1.666	1.735	23,094	21,551	30,970
552,627	541,056	639,620	1.611	1.675	1.680	890,140	906,452	1,074,729
83	105	87	-	-	-	-	-	-
714	1,056	924	-	-	-	-	-	-
797	1,161	1,011	63.00	64.00	60.00	50,211	74,304	60,660
350,000	220,000	230,000	.080	.088	.111	27,855	19,380	25,530
30,000	12,000	10,000	.167	.175	.270	5,010	2,100	2,700
3.2	1.7	1.8	330.00	406.00	486.00	1,057	690	875
13,900	9,700	6,100	.888	.824	1.087	12,347	7,997	6,632
3,500	300	300	.680	.750	.900	2,380	225	270
2,000	400	200	.500	.550	.800	1,000	220	160
5,500	700	500	.615	.636	.860	3,380	445	430
2,736	2,184	3,240						
168	126	140	-			-		
2,904	2,310	3,380	5.40	8.80	5.80	15,831	20,559	19,620
4,420	4,080	4,930	14.40	18.70	10.40	63,648	76,296	51,272
214	192	228	29.00	31.00	27.00	6,206	5,952	6,156
1,116	960	918	8.50	8.00	7.00	9,486	7,680	6,426
348	351	338	12.70	15.80	15.20	4,420	5,546	5,138
403	360	390	11.75	13.50	13.00	4,735	4,860	5,070
238	232	329	20.00	22.00	22.50	4,760	5,104	7,403
126	88	126	46.30	54.00	51.00	5,834	4,752	6,426
210	247	301	20.70	15.40	19.00	4,347	3,804	5,719
1,290	962	1,568	5.00	4.65	4.75	6,450	4,473	7,448
100,490	86,920	98,150	207.00	223.00	236.00	20,801	19,383	23,163
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
4,928,681	7,525,493	7,933,068	2.54	2.36	2.30	12,661,362	17,896,810	18,008,938
1,548,841	1,923,666	1,921,787	7.42	5.69	5.85	11,487,742	10,916,145	11,214,561
3,980,917	3,989,995	3,601,395	.279	.278	.341	1,115,202	1,116,452	1,260,174
1,812,201	2,036,618	2,738,594	3.72	3.72	2.61	6,683,999	7,542,464	7,298,833
217,600	373,587	357,149	2.61	1.49	1.12	532,621	548,938	408,192
289,994	404,203	418,856	2.80	2.42	2.14	775,228	968,180	905,923
14,689	13,647	10,098	2.52	2.06	2.10	37,006	28,099	21,158
15,412	12,196	15,617	.566	.662	.681	4,190,488	3,877,888	5,106,593
126,010	145,512	146,985	85.20	85.40	84.80	10,457,326	11,514,044	11,138,492
576,686	615,420	571,483	2.27	2.10	2.10	1,337,424	1,287,738	1,201,581
813,212	808,350	937,915	1.613	1.674	[10]	1,311,649	1,353,411	[10]
477,208	482,568	581,095	1.610	1.672	[10]	768,503	806,998	[10]
1,369,500	1,367,188	1,606,851	1.646	1.708	1.735	2,254,206	2,335,052	2,785,573

n-weight. [6] Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Utilized production.

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COTTON: The state's cotton crop totaled 271 thousand bales in 1990, 92% more than a year earlier. Area harvested was 200 thousand acres, 82% above 1989. The average yield per acre of 650 pounds is 35 pounds more than the previous year's average. Value of the crop is placed at $87.8 million, 107% more than the 1989 crop value. Price per pound averaged 67.5 cents compared with 62.7 cents in 1989.

U.S. all cotton production at 15.6 million bales was up 28% from 1989. Value of cotton lint was $5.1 billion, 32% more than the previous year's crop.

APPLES: Commercial apple production in the Tar Heel State in 1990 totaled 230 million pounds, up 5% from the previous year's production of 220 million pounds. The crop brought an average price of $.111 per pound, for a total value of production of $25.53 million.

U.S. commercial apple production totaled 9.52 billion pounds in 1990, 4% less than the previous year's crop, but 4% more than the 1988 crop. Of the total production, 9.48 billion pounds were utilized, 4% less than 1989.

BLUEBERRIES: Production in North Carolina in 1990 is estimated at 6,100,000 pounds (554,545 equivalent flats). This is down 37% from the 1989 crop of 9,700,000 pounds. Area harvested in 1990, at 2,900 acres, is down 400 acres from 1989. The yield per harvested acre averaged 2,100 pounds (191 flats) compared to 2,940 pounds in 1989.

N.C. growers received an average price of $1.15 per pound for fresh market sales and $.25 per pound for processing sales. The average price for all sales at $1.09 per pound compares with $.824 in 1989. The total value of production for the 1990 crop is $6.6 million compared to $8.0 million in 1989.

GRAPES: Grape production in the state totaled 1,800 tons, up 6% from the 1989 crop. The crop brought $486 per ton, $80 higher than the previous year's crop at $406 per ton. The crop was valued at $875,000, up 27% from the 1989 crop.

U.S. production of grapes during 1990 was 5.56 million tons, down 6% from 1989 production.

IRISH POTATOES: The 1990 production of Irish potatoes totaled 3.4 million cwt., up 46% from 1989. Harvested area, at 17.6 thousand acres, was up 4% from a year earlier. The average yield was 192 cwt. per acre, 56 cwt. above the previous season. Value of production, at $19.6 million, was 5% less than the 1989 crop. An average price of $5.80 per cwt. was realized, compared with $8.80 in 1989.

U.S. production of potatoes in all four seasons totaled 394 million cwt. in 1990, up 6% from last year and 11% above two years ago. Harvested area was 1.36 million acres, a gain of 6% from 1989 and 8% above 1988. The average U.S. yield was 290 cwt. per acre, 1 cwt. better than a year ago but 11 cwt. below the record high average yield in 1987.

PEACHES: In 1990, North Carolina peach producers harvested at total of 10.0 million pounds of peaches, down 17% from the 1989 peach crop. Acres of bearing age trees totaled 4,200 in 1990 compared with 4,300 in 1989. The crop was valued at $2.70 million, 29% more than the previous year's crop. Average price was $.270 per pound compared with $.175 per pound received in 1989.

U.S. peach production in 1990 totaled 2.21 billion pounds of which 2.11 billion pounds were utilizied. This was 4% below the previous year's utilized total and 14% less than 1988. The California Clingstone utilized crop total 954 million pounds, up 3% from 1989 and up 1% from 1988.

PECANS: The 1990 pecan crop in North Carolina is forecast at 500 thousand pounds, down from 700 thousand pounds in 1989. Of the total, 300 thousand pounds were improved varieties and 200 thousand pounds were of the native and seedling varieties. Tar Heel farmers received $.860 per pound for their pecans in 1990, a $.224 per pound increase from 1989. Total value of production for the 1990 pecan crop was $.43 million compared with $.445 million in 1989.

The preliminary 1990 estimate for the U.S. pecan crop is 216 million pounds. Production in 1990 is 14% below the 1989 crop and 30% less than the 1988 harvest. Improved varieties accounted for 73% of the total crop in 1990 and 64% for the 1989 production.

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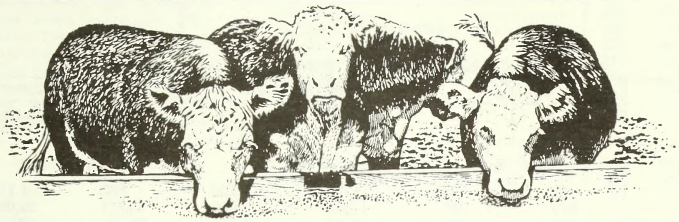

CATTLE INVENTORY UP

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 1991, totaled 99.4 million head, up 1% from the revised 98.2 million on January 1, 1990, and up 1% from the revised 98.1 million two years ago. This continues the recent upward trend in cattle inventories showing the second January increase since 1982. Beef cows, at 33.6 million, were 1% above January 1, 1990, and 2% above two years ago. Milk cows, at 10.2 million, were virtually unchanged from January 1, 1990 but 1% below two years ago. The 1990 calf crop was estimated at 39.9 million, down 1% from both 1989 and 1988. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 73.2% of the annual total.

All cattle and calves on North Carolina farms on January 1, 1991 are estimated at 950,000 head, up 6% from a year earlier. The number of beef cows that have calved totaled 389,000 head, 20,000 above the previous year. The number of milk cows that have calved totaled 101,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

The calf crop during 1990 is set at 460,000 head, up 5% or 20,000 head from the 1989 calf crop.

CATTLE: NUMBER BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 1990-91

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Cattle and Calves	900	950	106	98,162	99,436	101
Beef Cows that have Calved	369	389	105	33,200	33,620	101
Milk Cows that have Calved	101	101	100	10,153	10,159	100
Heifers 500 lbs. and over	123	131	107	17,673	18,162	103
Beef Cow Replacement	66	76	115	5,418	5,585	103
Milk Cow Replacement	38	36	95	4,227	4,194	99
Other	19	19	100	8,028	8,383	104
Steers 500 lbs. and over	50	50	100	15,911	16,548	104
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	27	29	107	2,195	2,228	101
Steers, Heifers, and Bulls Under 500 lbs.	230	250	109	19,031	18,720	98
CLASS	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989	1989	1990	1990 As % Of 1989
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
Calf Crop	440	460	105	40,102	39,879	99

U.S. SHEEP INVENTORY DOWN N.C. INVENTORY UP

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 1991 totaled 11.2 million head, down 1% from a year earlier. The value of sheep and lambs on hand totaled $735 million, 18% below last year. The average value per head was $65.60, down 17% from a year ago.

Sheep and lamb inventory numbers on North Carolina farms totaled 17,000 head on January 1, 1991, up 13% from the previous year. The value of all sheep and lambs on hand totaled $1.09 million, down 14% from a year ago. The average value per head was $64.00, down $20.00 from the previous year.

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASS, VALUE PER HEAD, AND TOTAL VALUE, JANUARY 1, 1990-91

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Sheep and Lamb [1]	15.0	17.0	113	11,363	11,200	99
On Feed	-	-	-	1,762	1,730	98
Stock Sheep	15.0	17.0	113	9,601	9,471	99
Lambs						
Ewes	2.5	2.5	100	1,324	1,342	101
Wethers and Rams	1.0	1.0	100	312	351	113
One Year Old and Older						
Ewes	10.5	11.5	110	7,609	7,429	98
Wethers and Rams	1.0	1.0	100	356	349	98
New Crop Lambs [2]	-	-	-	774	761	98
	Dollars			*Dollars*		
All Sheep and Lambs Value Per Head [3]	84.00	64.00	76	79.30	65.60	83
	1,000 Dollars			*1,000 Dollars*		
All Sheep and Lambs Total Value [3]	1,260	1,088	86	901,545	734,868	82

[1] *New crop lambs are not included in sheep and lamb inventory estimates in this report.* [2] *Includes all lambs born after September 30th previous year that are on hand January 1st. North Carolina included in U.S. total.* [3] *Based on reporters' estimates of average price per head in their localities.*

CATFISH SALES UP

Catfish growers in the 17 selected states had sales of $323 million during 1990. These sales were up 20% from the 1989 total of $270 million. The total number of operations on January 1, 1991, in the 17 selected states was 1,818, down 1% from the July 1, 1990 total of 1,840.

Sales of stockers, fingerlings and fry from hatchery operations totaled $22.9 million, up 26% from the $18.3 million in sales during 1989. Sales of food size fish and stockers from grower operations totaled $300 million, up 19% from last year's total of $251 million. Direct sales to processors accounted for 92% of the total sales of food size fish.

Hatchery operations had 1.34 million broodfish on hand on January 1, 1991, down 9% from the 1.47 million on hand on January 1, 1990. Hatcheries had 91.6 million stockers on hand on January 1, 1991, up 42% from the January 1, 1990 total of 64.3 million. The number of fingerlings in hatcheries on January 1, 1991 was 553 million, up 17% from the January 1, 1990 total of 472 million.

CATFISH: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales

State	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales All Size	
	July 1 1990	Jan. 1 1991	July 1 1990 [1]	Jan. 1 1991	During 1989	During 1990
	Number		*Acres*		*Thousand Dollars*	
N.C.	48	50	1,000	1,100	883	1,172
Ala.	370	350	17,900	18,600	23,811	24,062
Ark.	214	206	19,000	20,500	22,752	29,577
Fla.	75	47	1,100	1,200	1,808	2,474
Ill.	32	53	500	450	[3]	[3]
Ky.	53	45	420	400	[3]	[3]
La.	200	200	11,500	11,500	12,531	15,225
Miss.	322	308	93,000	94,000	192,804	227,400
Mo.	125	125	2,800	2,700	2,041	2,576
Okla.	85	85	1,100	1,300	966	2,235
S.C.	37	29	1,200	1,450	244	2,381
Tenn.	32	28	380	380	[3]	[3]
Tex.	97	145	3,000	3,640	1,136	5,997
Other [2]	150	147	4,320	4,680	10,740	10,110
Total	1,840	1,818	157,220	161,900	269,716	323,209

[1] *Water surface acres for July 1, 1990 are revised.* [2] *Includes CA, GA, ID, and KS.* [3] *Included in other states.*

HONEY PRODUCTION UP

Nationally, honey production in 1990 from producers with 5 or more hives, totaled 196 million pounds, up 11% from 1989. There were 3.19 million colonies producing honey, down 7% from 1989. Yield per colony averaged 61.5 pounds, up from the unusually low 51.4 pounds in 1989. Colonies that produced in more than one state were counted in each state, and yields may be understated at the state level. Producer honey stocks were 30.7 million pounds on December 15, 1990. Weather conditions for honey production were highly variable between regions in 1990. Bee populations were reduced significantly in some areas due to adverse weather, disease, and mite infestations.

Prices for the 1990 crop averaged 52.8 cents per pound, up 3 cents from the 1989 price of 49.8 cents per pound. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting state average prices by the state quantities sold. Prices increased for most types of honey in 1990 except for the extra light amber and amber honey retailed by producers. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this annual report.

HONEY: PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE: 1989 [1] - 90

STATE	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks [2]		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Thousands*		*Pounds*		*Cents*		*Thous. Dollars*	
North Carolina	25	20	38	50	**950**	**1,000**	**266**	**120**	**64**	**67**	**608**	**670**
Alabama	41	29	20	38	820	1,102	33	143	54	54	443	595
California	560	480	34	42	19,040	20,160	2,857	2,218	49	54	9,330	10,886
Florida	250	220	60	95	15,000	20,900	1,050	1,881	48	47	7,200	9,823
Georgia	116	111	27	50	3,132	5,550	125	333	56	58	1,754	3,219
Kentucky	12	8	29	44	348	352	132	127	108	97	376	341
Minnessota	165	170	92	74	15,180	12,580	3,492	1,384	45	47	6,831	5,913
North Dakota	290	210	56	82	16,240	17,220	1,137	689	47	50	7,633	8,610
South Carolina	15	12	19	41	285	492	74	49	67	57	191	280
Tennessee	25	19	25	33	625	627	25	138	74	101	463	633
Virginia	23	16	20	34	460	544	97	207	54	100	248	544
United States	3,443	3,188	51.4	61.5	176,957	196,035	32,542	30,746	49.8[3]	52.8[3]	89,418	105,033

[1] *Revised.* [2] *Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan.* [3] *Weighted by survey expanded state sales.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The January 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 246% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from December. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, corn, hogs, broilers, and apples. The index was 4 points above a year earlier.

The January 1991 "All Crops" index, at 260, was up 2 points from a month earlier and 14 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for January 1991, at 221, was up 2 points from December but is down 14 points from the previous year.

Meat Animals index for January 1991, at 266, was down 2 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 202, increased 5 points. The dairy index, at 209, was unchanged from a month earlier.

DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 251 million eggs during December 1990, down 4% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 146 million table eggs and 105 million hatching eggs, down 6% and 2% respectively from 1989. The average number of layers on hand during December was 12.6 million, down 5% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million for table eggs and 5.6 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.86 billion during December 1990, up 1% from the 5.78 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.09 billion table eggs, 708 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during December, 1990 averaged 272 million, up slightly from the 271 million a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,152 eggs, compared with 2,131 in December 1989.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 1991 totaled 272 million, compared with 271 million a year ago. The 272 million layers consisted of 230 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 39.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1991 averaged 69.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from last year's 68.1 eggs per 100 layers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Jan. 15 1989	Jan. 15 1990	Dec. 15 1990 [1]	Jan. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	229	242	244	246
All Crops	236	246	258	260
Tobacco	233	255	265	270
Oil Bearing	271	232	279	269
Grains	219	200	189	190
Commercial Vegetables	197	232	203	203
Fruits	276	292	317	336
Livestock and Livestock Products	217	235	219	221
Meat Animals	236	263	268	266
Poultry	202	207	197	202
Dairy	236	276	209	209
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	273	282	262	263
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	355	367	[4]	379
Parity Ratio [3]	77	77	[4]	69

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, JANUARY 1991			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	JAN. 1990	OCT. 1990	JAN. 1991
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	221.00	212.00	208.00	211.00	211.00	211.00
38-42% Protein	302.00	311.00	290.00	311.00	302.00	294.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	181.00	174.00	191.00	186.00	181.00	179.00
18% Protein	186.00	183.00	197.00	196.00	190.00	187.00
20% Protein	191.00	189.00	206.00	198.00	189.00	189.00
32% Protein	251.00	247.00	285.00	283.00	282.00	275.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	265.00	262.00	266.00	262.00	251.00	249.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter	236.00	202.00	245.00	227.00	215.00	217.00
Broiler Grower	202.00	217.00	242.00	224.00	210.00	211.00
Laying Feed	185.00	190.00	214.00	199.00	199.00	198.00
Turkey Grower	217.00	230.00	254.00	239.00	237.00	235.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	10.90	10.00	10.00	10.90	10.70	10.70
Middlings	9.10	8.90	9.10	9.70	9.35	9.35
Corn Meal	7.80	8.50	6.80	7.24	7.39	7.37
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	14.50	14.60	16.40	15.00	14.90	14.60
Soybean Meal 44%	12.50	12.70	11.20	13.50	13.10	12.50

[1] Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.

EGG PRODUCTION — DECEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	Thousands		*Millions Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,188**	**12,570**	**262**	**251**	**155**	**146**	**107**	**105**
Alabama	9,611	9,266	187	181	92	79	95	102
Florida	10,680	11,348	220	234	204	217	16	17
Georgia	18,007	18,117	375	380	261	257	114	123
South Carolina	5,318	5,448	120	123	110	112	10	11
UNITED STATES	270,990	272,027	5,777	5,855	5,043	5,087	734	768

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in January 1991 was $1.770 per pound, up 3.0 cents from the previous month and 9.7 cents above a year ago. Prices received for corn at $2.61 per bushel, was up 2 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.44 per bushel, were down 11 cents from the previous month. Peanuts, at 42.1 cents per pound, were down 3.1 cents.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in January, at $46.40 per hundredweight, were up 70 cents from December and unchanged from a year ago. Broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound were up 2.0 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 29.0 cents per pound, were down 3.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 63.9 cents per dozen, were down 1.6 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.40 per hundredweight, was down 20 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 21.1 cents per pound, were 2.0 cents above the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Jan. 1990	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1991	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.673	1.740	1.770	1.697	1.750	1.775
Corn	Bu.	2.75	2.59	2.61	2.31	2.22	2.22
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.47	1.18	1.12
Soybeans	Bu.	5.44	5.55	5.44	5.65	5.72	5.48
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.315	.452	.421[4]	.246	.436	.448[4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	46.40	45.70	46.40	47.30	47.80	49.30
Milk Cows	Hd.	1190.00	-	1180.00	1120.00	-	1100.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.285	.280	.300	.307	.288	.309
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.320	.320	.290	.359	.356	.339
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.739	.655	.639	.838	.765	.791
Milk, All	Cwt.	17.70	13.60	13.40	15.70	11.90	11.70
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.36	5.54	5.72
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.165	.191	.211	.122	.208	.201
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	84.90	80.70	82.00

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.* [4] *Based on sales during the first half of the month.*

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JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 253 million eggs during January 1991, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 146 million table eggs and 107 million hatching eggs, both are down 1% from 1990. The average number of layers on hand during January was 12.7 million, down 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million for table eggs and 5.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.81 billion during January 1991, up 2% from the 5.70 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.02 billion table eggs, up 1% from last year; 727 million broiler-type hatching eggs, up 8% from last year; and 64 million egg-type hatching eggs, down 6% from last year. The total number of layers during January averaged 273 million, up 1% from the 272 million in January 1990. January 1991 egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, compared with 2,098 in January 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 1991 totaled 274 million, slightly above a year ago. The 274 million layers consisted of 230 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 1991, averaged 68.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from last year's 67.2 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION — JANUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		*Millions Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,161**	**12,707**	**255**	**253**	**147**	**146**	**108**	**107**
Alabama	9,791	9,245	188	179	92	76	96	103
Florida	10,615	11,090	217	230	201	214	16	16
Georgia	18,194	18,172	372	374	254	248	118	126
South Carolina	5,253	5,251	117	117	107	106	10	11
UNITED STATES	271,668	273,097	5,702	5,811	4,959	5,020	743	791

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during January 1991 totaled 139 million pounds, up 8% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 101,000 head, up 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,380 pounds was up 80 pounds from January 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during January totaled 10.7 billion pounds, 3% above production in these same states in January 1990. December revised production, at 10.5 billion pounds, was 4% above December 1989. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,252 pounds for January, 35 pounds more than January 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.51 million head, 36,000 less than December 1990 and 25,000 head less than January 1990.

MILK PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds 1990	Pounds 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**99**	**101**	**1,300**	**1,380**	**129**	**139**	**108**
Florida	179	184	1,280	1,320	229	243	106
Maryland	105	107	1,075	1,120	113	120	106
Virginia	141	141	1,190	1,240	168	175	104
21 STATES	8,536	8,511	1,217	1,252	10,389	10,657	103

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

TURKEY EGGS UNCHANGED POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 1991, totaled 34.6 million, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. The 25.9 million poults placed during January 1991, in the United States were up 5% from the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators February 1			Poults Placed During January [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,229**	**10,513**	**103**	**8,202**	**9,117**	**111**
East North Central	4,863	4,458	92	2,964	2,990	101
West North Central	9,285	10,130	109	6,623	6,837	103
South Central	4,247	4,114	97	3,290	3,144	96
West	6,015	5,391	90	3,623	3,814	105
UNITED STATES	34,639	34,606	100	24,702	25,902	105

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the January 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 544 million, was 5% above January of last year. There were 444 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 1991, up 4% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 1991, up slightly from January 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 52.2 million broiler chicks during January 1991, up 2% from a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED — JANUARY

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**50,964**	**52,167**	**102**
Alabama	80,834	86,148	107
Arkansas	91,233	94,391	103
Delaware	15,516	14,933	96
Florida	10,575	11,103	105
Georgia	74,834	76,949	103
Maryland	30,719	32,048	104
Mississippi	31,958	37,615	118
Pennsylvania	11,155	10,505	94
South Carolina	7,242	7,637	105
Texas	31,034	34,707	112
Virginia	14,642	15,098	103
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	26,569	27,138	102
Washington & Oregon	5,060	5,349	106
Other States [1]	33,954	38,098	112
UNITED STATES	516,289	543,886	105
15 STATES [2]	477,275	500,439	105

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data are included in the U.S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

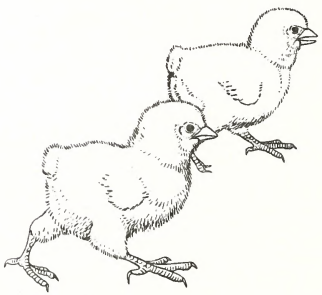
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 33.1 million, up 3% from January 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.2 million on February 1, 1991, up 2% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 79,000 during January 1991, down sharply from January 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — JANUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Alabama	1,682	1,027	61
Arkansas	677	821	121
Florida	1,702	1,801	106
Georgia	1,227	1,903	155
Indiana	5,997	6,249	104
Iowa	2,337	1,524	65
Kansas	103	325	316
Minnesota	1,554	1,667	107
Missouri	562	398	71
Pennsylvania	3,171	3,499	110
Other States [1]	13,036	13,931	107
UNITED STATES	32,048	33,145	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1989	1990	1991
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,909	2,538	2,502
February	199	167			2,829	2,558	2,553
March	215	217			2,822	2,525	2,666
April	330	173			2,823	2,609	2,519
May	131	202			2,736	2,586	2,485
June	284	242			2,706	2,684	2,394
July	270	321			2,588	2,653	2,476
August	166	279			2,585	2,660	2,406
September	318	171			2,625	2,628	
October	189	155			2,632	2,630	
November	262	171			2,729	2,473	
December	147	229			2,621	2,544	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For January 1991, includes pullet chicks placed July 1989 through June 1990.

JANUARY FARM WAGES AVERAGED $6.00 PER HOUR

There were 2.61 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 6-12, 1991. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.40 million of the total, along with 339,000 unpaid workers, and 706,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 168,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.00 per hour during the January 1991 survey week. This rate was up 30 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.62 per hour compared with $5.30 last January. Field workers received an average of $5.69 per hour, up 35 cents from the January 1990 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.32 compared with $4.99 per hour a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 30.5 hours, 0.1 hour less than the comparable week in 1990. Unpaid workers averaged 32.5 hours, 0.2 hours above last year. Hired employees worked 37.9 hours, the same number of hours as last January.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 45 percent of the hired workers during the survey week. This compares with 46 percent during the January 1990 survey week. Six percent of the workers received both housing and meals, and another 15 percent received housing, but no meals.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 6-12, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**5.35**	**4.44**	**4.86**	**4.54**	**7.15**	**6.62**	[4]	[4]	**4.89**	**4.56**	[4]	[4]	**5.76**	**4.95**
Appalachian II	4.61	4.19	5.29	4.61	8.55	8.33	7.91	6.58	4.99	4.40	[4]	5.67	6.05	6.13
Southeast	5.10	4.10	5.42	5.02	9.91	10.23	7.80	6.04	5.02	4.48	6.52	[4]	6.30	6.24
U.S. (49 States)	5.69	5.34	5.32	4.99	9.17	9.13	7.58	7.42	5.62	5.30	6.31	6.63	6.48	6.26

[1] *Excludes agricultural service workers.* [2] *Survey period in 1990 was January 7-13.* [3] *Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.* [4] *Insufficient data for this category.*

WORKERS ON FARMS, JANUARY 6-12, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**96**	**108**	**59**	**71**	**13**	**13**	**24**	**24**	**21**	**20**	**3**	**4**
Appalachian II	183	197	132	142	15	16	36	39	23	24	13	15
Southeast	119	136	69	81	12	12	38	43	31	37	7	6
U.S. (49 States)	2,446	2,447	1,401	1,430	339	322	706	695	550	553	156	142

[1] *Survey period in 1990 was January 7-13.* [2] *Excludes agricultural service workers.* [3] *Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.*

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 6-12, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Hours						Dollars Per Hour	
Appalachian I	**24.2**	**25.4**	**32.3**	**30.1**	**37.0**	**39.3**	**5.25**	**4.75**
Appalachian II	20.4	22.0	31.4	28.7	32.2	31.6	5.41	4.79
Southeast	24.3	23.1	29.5	32.9	32.7	37.3	5.54	4.91
U.S. (49 States)	30.5	30.6	32.5	32.3	37.9	37.9	6.00	5.70

[1] *Excludes agricultural service workers.* [2] *Survey period in 1990 was January 7-13.* [3] *Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — FEBRUARY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	**10,039**	**10,230**	**102**	**5,415**	**5,736**	**106**
East North Central	3,577	4,632	129	8,703	8,454	97
West North Central	9,224	9,245	100	4,316	3,766	87
South Atlantic	169,582	173,975	103	4,909	5,361	109
South Central	212,134	224,890	106	4,379	4,086	93
West	20,562	20,812	101	3,972	4,842	122
UNITED STATES	425,118	443,784	104	31,694	32,245	102

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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS — N.C.

MONTH	MILK COWS ON FARMS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1990 As % of 1989
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
January	106	99	1,300	1,300	138	129	93
February	106	99	1,220	1,220	129	121	94
March	106	99	1,340	1,350	142	134	94
April	105	99	1,315	1,320	138	131	95
May	104	100	1,325	1,340	138	134	97
June	104	100	1,190	1,235	124	124	100
July	103	100	1,135	1,210	117	121	103
August	103	100	1,135	1,200	117	120	103
September	104	100	1,130	1,190	118	119	101
October	104	100	1,185	1,270	123	127	103
November	104	101	1,165	1,270	121	128	106
December	102	101	1,240	1,330	126	134	106
Annual	104	100	14,721	15,220	1,531	1,522	99

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION

U.S. milk production during 1990 totaled 148 billion pounds, up 3% from 1989. The output per cow, at 14.6 thousand pounds, was 397 pounds above 1989 rate. The average number of cows during the year was 10.1 million head, unchanged from the 1989 average.

Annual milk production in North Carolina during 1990 totaled 1.52 billion pounds, down 1% from 1989. The number of milk cows in the state averaged 100,000 head during 1990, down 4% from the 1989 average. The average milk per cow at 15,220 pounds was up 499 pounds from 1989.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1981-1990

YEAR	MILK COWS [1]	MILK PER COW [2]	MILK PRODUCTION [2]
	Thousands	*Pounds*	*Million Pounds*
1981	10,898	12,183	132,770
1982	11,011	12,306	135,505
1983	11,059	12,622	139,588
1984	11,793	12,541	135,351
1985	10,981	13,024	143,012
1986	10,773	13,285	143,124
1987	10,327	13,819	142,709
1988	10,262	14,145	145,152
1989 [3]	10,126	14,245	144,239
1990 [3]	10,127	14,642	148,284

[1] *Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.* [3] *Revised.*

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MILK PRODUCTION UP

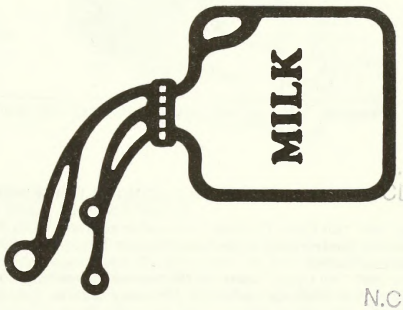
Milk production in North Carolina during February 1991 totaled 128 million pounds, up 6% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 100,000 head, up 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,280 pounds was up 60 pounds from February 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during February totaled 9.96 billion pounds, 2% above production in these same states in February 1990. January revised production, at 10.7 billion pounds, was 3% above January 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,174 pounds for February, 33 pounds more than February 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.49 million head, 22,000 less than January 1991 and 35,000 head less than February 1990.

MILK PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds 1990	Pounds 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**99**	**100**	**1,220**	**1,280**	**121**	**128**	**106**
Florida	179	184	1,230	1,230	220	226	103
Maryland	104	105	1,020	1,065	106	112	106
Virginia	141	140	1,115	1,185	157	166	106
21 STATES	8,523	8,488	1,141	1,174	9,722	9,962	102

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*



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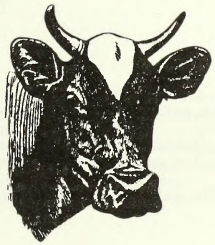


TURKEY EGGS DOWN POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 1991, totaled 34.0 million, 1% below a year earlier. The 25.3 million poults placed during February 1991 were up 2% from the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators March 1			Poults Placed During February [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**10,451**	**10,524**	**101**	**7,728**	**8,291**	**107**
East North Central	4,062	4,212	104	3,145	3,026	96
West North Central	10,471	9,974	95	6,795	7,141	105
South Central	3,884	4,094	105	3,092	3,065	99
West	5,561	5,235	94	4,110	3,825	93
UNITED STATES	34,429	34,039	99	24,870	25,348	102

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks in the United States in commercial storage on January 31, 1991 totaled 2.39 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. This total includes 1.69 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 655 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 39.1 million pounds. There were 246 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of January 31, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks on January 31, 1991, totaled 493 million pounds of which 449 million pounds were edible grades and 43.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 145 million pounds; Runners, 263 million pounds; and Spanish, 41.6 million pounds.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in February 1991 was $2.58 per bushel, up 5 cents from a month earlier. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.64 per bushel, was down 10 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in February, at $49.10 per hundredweight, was up $1.70 from January and $2.10 above a year ago. Broilers, at 27.0 cents per pound, were down 3.0 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 32.0 cents per pound, were up 3.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 51.9 cents per dozen, were down 12.0 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.20 per hundredweight, was down 10 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 20.8 cents per pound, were .3 cents below the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Feb. 1990	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991	Feb. 1990	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	1.770	-	1.832	1.775	1.720
Corn	Bu.	2.77	2.53	2.58	2.32	2.27	2.27
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.43	1.13	1.16
Soybeans	Bu.	5.60	5.74	5.64	5.56	5.72	5.60
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	.394	-	-	.397	-
Hogs, All	Cwt.	47.00	47.40	49.10	48.20	50.00	51.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.310	.300	.270	.335	.309	.299
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.310	.290	.320	.337	.339	.344
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.588	.639	.519	.631	.736	.601
Milk, All	Cwt.	17.80	13.30	13.20	14.40	11.70	11.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.70	5.68	5.49
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.161	.211	.208	.124	.201	.207
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	85.70	82.00	80.40

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The February 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 243% of its 1967 base, was down 3 points from January. Contributing to the decrease were lower prices for soybeans, broilers, eggs, milk, and apples. The index was unchanged from a year earlier.

The February 1991 "All Crops" index, at 259, was unchanged from a month earlier but 12 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for February 1991, at 214, was down 7 points from January and 21 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for February 1991, at 290, was up 21 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 179, decreased 23 points. The dairy index, at 206, was down 2 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Feb. 15 1989	Feb. 15 1990 [1]	Jan. 15 1991 [1]	Feb. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	230	243	246	243
All Crops	235	247	259	259
Tobacco	233	255	270	270
Oil Bearing	271	235	266	264
Grains	214	202	185	188
Commercial Vegetables	197	232	203	203
Fruits	274	289	336	333
Livestock and Livestock Products	221	235	221	214
Meat Animals	239	273	269	290
Poultry	207	202	202	179
Dairy	236	278	208	206
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	272	276	265	264
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	379	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	70	[4]

[1] *Revised.* [2] *Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.* [4] *Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.*

NORTH CAROLINA IRISH POTATO ACREAGE UP

Commercial growers in North Carolina intend to plant 17,300 acres of spring potatoes this year. This is 5% more than the 16,500 acres planted in 1990. Harvested area for 1991 is forecast at 17,000 acres, also 5% more than last year.

Planting of spring potatoes in North Carolina is underway with about 25% in the ground by March 10.

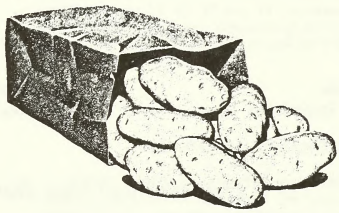
U.S. spring potato growers have planted an estimated 88.9 thousand acres of spring potatoes this year in the six producing states. This level is down 8% from last year and 4% below 1989. Harvest is expected from 87.6 thousand acres, down 8% from a year ago and 1% below two years ago.

Irrigation water shortage in California caused growers to reduce their spring potato acreage and has left planting conditions drier than normal. Uneasy contract talks have caused growers from Arizona to Alabama to reduce processing acreage sharply. The Texas crop is in good condition with harvest expected to start on schedule in April. A freeze in mid-February damaged some of the more mature fields in Florida. Most fields, however, were covered up with little damage evident. Early harvest will start soon after the middle of March although digging in the Hastings area will be delayed.

POTATOES

Seasonal Group and State	AREA Planted 1990	AREA Planted Ind. 1991	AREA Harvested 1990	AREA Harvested Ind. 1991	YIELD 1990	PRODUCTION 1989	PRODUCTION 1990
	1,000 Acres				Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	
SPRING [1]							
North Carolina	**16.5**	**17.3**	**16.2**	**17.0**	**200**	**2,184**	**3,240**
Alabama	5.8	4.0	5.7	3.9	150	1,296	855
Arizona	6.9	6.0	6.9	6.0	260	1,827	1,794
California	22.5	20.5	22.5	20.5	375	7,875	8,438
Florida							
Hastings	29.0	27.5	28.7	27.0	240	5,460	6,888
Other	8.5	8.6	8.3	8.4	220	1,400	1,826
Louisiana [2]						27	
Texas	7.0	5.0	6.8	4.8	165	783	1,122
TOTAL	96.2	88.9	95.1	87.6	254	20,852	24,163

[1] *Yield and production for 1991 to be released April 10, 1991.* [2] *Estimate discontinued in 1990.*



CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed March 1, 1991, for slaughter market in the 7 states preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.97 million head, up 8% from a year ago and 13% above March 1, 1989. This is the largest March number on feed since 1974. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.48 million, down 1% from last year and 3% below two years ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 states during February totaled 1.47 million, up 6% from last year but 9% below February 1989. Net placements of 1.35 million for February were up 5% from last year but 10% below 1989. Other disappearance totaled 113,000 head compared to 95,000 in February 1990 and 115,000 in February 1989.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, DECEMBER 1 TO MARCH 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED 1989	1990	1990/89	1990	1991	1991/90
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
	December 1			January 1		
Arizona	251	224	89	253	232	92
California	490	470	96	490	440	90
Colorado	960	1,025	107	900	1,005	112
Iowa	870	960	110	980	1,050	107
Kansas	1,600	1,800	113	1,595	1,760	110
Nebraska	2,100	2,320	110	2,060	2,320	113
Texas	2,060	2,330	113	2,100	2,330	111
7 STATES	8,331	9,129	110	8,378	9,137	109
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	February 1			March 1		
Arizona	246	228	93	234	219	94
California	465	440	95	430	435	101
Colorado	880	940	107	830	920	111
Iowa	1,030	1,075	104	1,010	1,070	106
Kansas	1,615	1,760	109	1,615	1,740	108
Nebraska	2,120	2,350	111	2,100	2,370	113
Texas	2,170	2,310	106	2,100	2,220	106
7 STATES	8,526	9,103	107	8,319	8,974	108

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JANUARY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during January 1991 totaled 68.3 million pounds live weight, down 11% from a year ago. Hog slaughter, at 57.3 million pounds, was down 11% from a year ago. Cattle slaughter totaled 10.9 million pounds, down 12%. Calf slaughter, at 71,000 pounds, was down 22%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 972 pounds; calves 372 pounds; hogs 247 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during January 1991 totaled 46.6 million pounds dress weight, down 11% from a year ago.

Commercial red meat production for the United States in January 1991, totaled 3.43 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from last year. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

In comparing January 1991 with January 1990; beef production, at 1.97 billion pounds dress weight, was up 2%. Head kill totaled 2.88 million, up 1%. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 1,143. Veal production, at 31.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 14%. Calf slaughter totaled 154,000 head, down 14% and the average live weight increased 65 pounds to 317. Pork production, at 1.40 billion pounds dress weight, was up 2%. Hog kill totaled 7.65 million head, up slightly from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 251. Lamb and mutton production, at 33.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 2% from last year. Slaughter totaled 508,000 head, up 4%. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 127.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER — JANUARY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	12.8	11.2	12,467	10,927	2.9	2.9	3,264	3,292
Calves	.3	.2	91	71	.2	.2	45	49
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	-	-	.5	.5	63	65
Hogs	270.5	232.3	64,542	57,278	7.6	7.7	1,898	1,921
TOTAL	283.6	243.7	77,100	68,276	11.2	11.3	5,270	5,327

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*

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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

COTTON UP 84%

Cotton farmers in the state intend to plant 370,000 acres in 1991, an 84% increase from the 1990 season. If these intentions are realized this will be the largest acreage planted since the 387,000 acres planted in 1965. All cotton prospective plantings for the U.S. totaled 14.0 million acres, 13% above 1990.

SOYBEANS DOWN 7%

Soybean growers in the Tar Heel State intend to plant 1.30 million acres in 1991, 7% less than the 1.40 million planted in 1990. At the U.S. level, farmers intend to plant 57.1 million acres in 1991, 1% below 1990.

CORN DOWN 12%

Corn to be planted for all purposes in North Carolina is expected to total 1.05 million acres in 1991, down 12% from the 1.20 million acres planted in 1990. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 76.1 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1991, up 3% from last year.

SORGHUM UP 15%

Sorghum producers in the state intend to plant 75,000 acres, up 15% from a year earlier. Nationwide, sorghum growers intend to plant 11.1 million acres this year, up 6% from 1990.

OATS UP 6%

Oat growers in North Carolina have planted or intend to plant 85,000 acres, a 6% increase from 1990. U.S. producers expect to seed 9.5 million acres this year, down 9% from 1990.

TOBACCO DOWN 2%

North Carolina flue-cured tobacco growers intend to harvest 271,000 acres this season, 2% less than the 277,000 acres harvested a year ago. Types 11 and 12 are expected to show 2% decrease and type 13 is expected to show a 3% decrease from the previous year. Burley tobacco farmers in the state intend to harvest 9,000 acres, 500 acres more than last season. In the U.S. flue-cured belt, tobacco producers expect to harvest 408,000 acres, 2% less than was harvested in 1990. Types 11, 12, 13 and 14 are expected to show 3%, 2%, 1% and 4% decreases respectively from last season. U.S. burley area for harvest is expected to total 302,100 acres, 13% above 1990.

PEANUTS UNCHANGED

North Carolina peanut growers intend to plant 165,000 acres in 1991, unchanged from the total acres planted in 1990. U.S. planting intentions totaled 1.90 million acres for 1991, up 3% from the 1990 level.

HAY UP 2%

Hay producers in the state plan to harvest 480,000 acres of hay this year, 2% more than the 470,000 acres harvested in 1990. Acreage of all hay to be harvested in the U.S. is expected to be 61.4 million acres, down less than 1% from 1990.

PLANTED ACRES OF CROPS, NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	1989	1990	1991 Intentions	1991 As % Of 1990	1989	1990	1991 Intentions	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands*			*Percent*
Corn, All	1,050	1,200	1,050	88	72,221	74,171	76,124	103
Oats [1]	100	80	85	106	12,085	10,423	9,518	91
Barley [1]	50	35	32	91	9,125	8,201	8,705	106
Wheat [1]	680	600	550	92	76,615	77,286	69,022	89
Rye [1 2]	150	100	140	140	2,014	1,625	1,709	105
Sorghum, All	90	65	75	115	12,642	10,535	11,140	106
Soybeans	1,600	1,400	1,300	93	60,820	57,795	57,115	99
Peanuts	153	165	165	100	1,665.2	1,836.0	1,895.0	103
Cotton, All [3]	112	201	370	184	10,586.6	12,428.5	13,991.5	113
Tobacco:								
Type 11 [4]	98	106	104	98	135	146	142	97
Type 12 [4]	127	135	132	98	127	135	132	98
Type 13 [4]	34	36	35	97	82	87	86	99
Type 14 [4]	-	-	-	-	46.7	50.0	48.0	96
All Flue-Cured [4]	259	277	271	98	390.7	418.0	408.0	98
Burley [4]	7.7	8.5	9.0	106	244.4	266.2	302.1	113
Hay, All [4]	515	470	480	102	63,300	61,557	61,408	100
Sweet Pot.	35	36	32	89	89.5	94.5	84.8	90

[1] *Includes acreage planted in preceding fall.* [2] *Intentions estimates made in December 1990.* [3] *U.S. figures include Upland and American-Pima.*
[4] *Data for tobacco and hay represent harvested acres.*

GRAIN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,000	**17,500**	24,245	**18,008**	41,245	**35,508**
June 1	7,000		13,139		20,139	
September 1	1,800		5,344		7,144	
December 1	29,000		23,747		52,747	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,500	**7,000**	12,314	**9,551**	19,814	**16,551**
June 1	2,200		5,485		7,685	
September 1	1,200		4,124		5,324	
December 1	13,000		15,651		28,651	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	150	**320**	[2]	**4,125**	[2]	**4,445**
June 1	100		1,406		1,506	
September 1	2,000		8,686		10,686	
December 1	1,600		6,300		7,900	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,910,500	**3,064,500**	1,901,921	**1,724,154**	4,812,421	**4,788,654**
June 1	1,623,500		1,219,708		2,843,208	
September 1	754,800		589,657		1,344,457	
December 1 [3]	4,874,000		2,066,289		6,940,289	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	376,000	**532,920**	567,109	**862,726**	943,109	**1,395,646**
June 1	212,500		323,955		536,455	
September 1	1,000,000		1,409,504		2,409,504	
December 1 [3]	763,200		1,144,838		1,908,038	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	535,800	**555,500**	519,705	**634,619**	1,055,505	**1,910,119**
June 1	255,300		340,614		595,914	
September 1	86,000		153,139		239,139	
December 1 [3]	754,000		929,963		1,683,963	
SORGHUM						
March 1	88,050	**73,780**	425,549	**258,702**	513,599	**332,482**
June 1	44,500		290,484		334,984	
September 1	30,300		189,459		219,759	
December 1 [3]	140,000		372,340		512,340	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *N.C. data not published separately.* [3] *Revised.*

FEBRUARY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during February 1991 totaled 58.4 million pounds live weight, down 12% from a year ago. Hog slaughter, at 47.5 million pounds, was down 15% from a year ago. Cattle slaughter totaled 10.9 million pounds, up 4%. Calf slaughter, at 65,000 pounds, was down 21%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 985 pounds; calves 388 pounds; hogs 241 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during February 1991 totaled 39.5 million pounds dress weight, down 13% from a year ago.

Commercial red meat production for the United States in February 1991, totaled 2.95 billion pounds dress weight, down 1% from last year. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

In comparing February 1991 with February 1990; beef production, at 1.69 billion pounds dress weight, was down 1%. Head kill totaled 2.47 million, down 1%. The average live weight increased 22 pounds to 1,163. Veal production, at 26.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 10%. Calf slaughter totaled 125,000 head, down 16% and the average live weight increased 81 pounds to 348. Pork production, at 1.20 billion pounds dress weight, was down 1%. Hog kill totaled 6.64 million head, down 3% from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 250. Lamb and mutton production, at 30.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 4% from last year. Slaughter totaled 461,000 head, up 5%. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 129.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER — FEBRUARY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	10.3	11.0	10,460	10,880	2.5	2.5	2,469	2,854
Calves	.2	.2	82	65	.1	.1	40	43
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	-	-	.4	.5	58	59
Hogs	236.1	196.6	56,058	47,471	6.8	6.6	1,686	1,659
TOTAL	246.6	207.8	66,600	58,416	9.8	9.7	4,253	4,615

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*

HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms March 1, 1991, totaled 2.80 million head, 8% above March 1 of last year. This larger inventory consisted of 8% more market hogs totaling 2,460,000 head. Breeding stock at 340,000 head was also up 8% from the previous year. North Carolina ranks 6th nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs.

The State's pig crop during the December 1990 - February 1991 period totaled a record 1,279,000 head, 5% above the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 155,000 sows, which were up 3% from last year. The 8.25 pigs saved per litter compares to last year's 8.10 litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 170,000 sows during the March-May quarter and 165,000 during the June-August period. If these intentions materialize, farrowings for both quarters will be record highs and up 6% and 10% respectively from the same periods last year.

UNITED STATES: Hogs and pigs on farms March 1, 1991, in the United States are estimated at 52.4 million head, up 2% from a year ago. Breeding inventory at 6.88 million head is 1% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 45.5 million head, 3% more than last year.

The December 1990 through February 1991 pig crop was 21.0 million head, 3% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged a record high for this period ——7.87 compared with 7.83 last year.

Producers intend to have 3.17 million sows farrow during the March-May period, an increase of 1% from actual farrowings during the same period in 1990. June through August farrowings are expected to total 2.94 million sows—2% more than this period last year.

HOGS AND PIGS — MARCH 1, 1991 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, 1990-1991

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS MAR. 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,600	2,800	108	51,150	52,360	102
Kept for breeding	315	340	108	6,806	6,882	101
Market	2,285	2,460	108	44,344	45,478	103
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	940	985	105	16,895	17,363	103
60-119 Lbs.	535	590	110	10,602	11,061	104
120-179 Lbs.	445	490	110	9,209	9,310	101
180 Lbs. and Over	365	395	108	7,638	7,744	101
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	150	155	103	2,600	2,665	103
March-May	160	170[2]	106	3,142	3,166[2]	101
December[1]-May	310	325[3]	105	5,742	5,831[3]	102
June-August	150	165[2]	110	2,879	2,937[2]	102
September-November	160	-	-	2,829	-	-
June-November	310	-	-	5,708	-	-
PIG CROP:						
December[1]-February	1,215	1,279	105	20,349	20,968	103
March-May	1,312	-	-	24,958	-	-
December[1]-May	2,527	-	-	45,307	-	-
June-August	1,230	-	-	22,737	-	-
September-November	1,344	-	-	22,122	-	-
June-November	2,574	-	-	44,859	-	-
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December[1]-February	8.10	8.25	102	7.83	7.87	101
March-May	8.20	-	-	7.94	-	-
December[1]-May	8.15	-	-	7.89	-	-
June-August	8.20	-	-	7.90	-	-
September-November	8.40	-	-	7.82	-	-
June-November	8.30	-	-	7.86	-	-

[1] December preceding year. [2] Intentions. [3] Actual farrowings for December-February plus intentions for March-May.

FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 230 million eggs during February 1991, down slightly from a year earlier. Production consisted of 133 million table eggs and 97 million hatching eggs, up 2% for table but down 3% for hatching. The average number of layers on hand during February was 12.8 million, down 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million for table eggs and 5.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

The Nation's laying flock produced 17.0 billion eggs during the December through February quarter, up 2% from the corresponding quarter a year ago. Production included 14.7 billion table eggs, 2.10 billion broiler-type hatching eggs, and 180 million egg-type hatching eggs. Layers for the quarter averaged 273 million, up 1% from the 271 million a year ago.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 1991 totaled 273 million, compared with 271 million a year ago. The 273 million layers consisted of 230 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 1991, averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 68.5 for March 1, 1990, and 68.2 on February 1, 1991. Laying flocks in the 20 major egg production States produced 4.37 billion eggs during February, up 1% from the 4.31 billion produced a year ago. The number of layers during February averaged 227 million, down fractionally from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION — FEBRUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands				*Millions Eggs*			
North Carolina	**13,244**	**12,833**	**231**	**230**	**131**	**133**	**100**	**97**
Alabama	9,763	9,611	173	169	82	73	91	96
Florida	10,705	10,838	200	205	187	191	13	14
Georgia	18,182	18,221	337	336	228	221	109	115
South Carolina	5,388	5,314	106	107	97	98	9	9
UNITED STATES	271,886	273,508	5,165	5,284	4,472	4,557	693	727

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CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	11,388	10,652	94	4,591	5,343	116
East North Central	3,820	5,384	141	9,658	9,424	98
West North Central	9,987	11,230	112	4,377	4,136	94
South Atlantic	174,343	180,713	104	5,384	5,324	99
South Central	217,385	230,019	106	4,514	3,995	89
West	21,805	23,269	107	4,715	4,590	97
UNITED STATES	438,728	461,267	105	33,239	32,812	99

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 34.8 million, up 8% from February 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on March 1, 1991, down 1% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 139,000 during February 1991, down 17% from February 1990.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the February 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 497 million, was 5% above February of last year. There were 461 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 1991, up 5% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.93 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 1991, up 14% from February 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 45.5 million broiler chicks during February 1991, up 1% from a year ago.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1989	1990	1991
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,909	2,538	2,502
February	199	167	139	83	2,829	2,558	2,553
March	215	217			2,822	2,525	2,666
April	330	173			2,823	2,609	2,519
May	131	202			2,736	2,586	2,485
June	284	242			2,706	2,684	2,394
July	270	321			2,588	2,653	2,476
August	166	279			2,585	2,660	2,406
September	318	171			2,625	2,628	2,378
October	189	155			2,632	2,630	
November	262	171			2,729	2,473	
December	147	229			2,621	2,544	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For February 1991, includes pullet chicks placed August 1989 through July 1990.

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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS TOTAL $69.7 MILLION

The equivalent wholesale value of all sales for the floriculture crops surveyed in North Carolina totaled $69.7 million in 1990, up 3% from 1989, according to the North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Division. A total of 198 growers reported 11.6 million square feet of total covered area and 520 acres of outdoor area in production in 1990 for the 28 crops surveyed annually.

BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS had a total wholesale value of $33.4 million, down 1% from 1989. Flats of bedding plants decreased fractionally in value to $15.2 million. The value of potted bedding plants decreased fractionally to $10.6 million and the value of flowering hanging baskets decreased 5% to $7.6 million.

CUT FLOWER sales totaled $2.0 million, 4% less than in 1989. Standard chrysanthemums had a wholesale value of $390,000, 29% below the 1989 sales. All other cut flowers had a wholesale value of $1.7 million, up 5%.

FOLIAGE HANGING BASKETS AND POTTED FOLIAGE had an equivalent wholesale value of $9.1 million, up 2% from the previous year. The value of foliage hanging baskets decreased 16% to $5.3 million while the net value of sales for potted foliage increased 44% to $3.9 million.

POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS accounted for $25.2 million of the total wholesale value. Poinsettias led this category with $12.0 million generated from 3.8 million pots of all sizes. Potted chrysanthemum sales had an equivalent wholesale value of $5.7 million from 1.7 million pots sold. Potted Easter lilies generated $1.4 million. The remaining value of $6.1 million was derived from sales of african violets, finished florist azaleas, other lilies, and other flowering plants (excluding blooming annuals).

U.S. Values Increase

The equivalent wholesale value of all sales for the 28 crops surveyed in 28 states totaled $2.77 billion, up 10% from 1989. All major groups increased wholesale values. Cut flowers increased 4% in value to $503 million. Potted flowering plants, valued at $673 million, increased 25%. Foliage plants increased 5% in value to $512 million. Bedding plants, valued at $971 million, increased 8%. The value of cut cultivated greens, at $111 million, increased 12% from 1989.

SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS: Quantity Sold, Intended 1991 and Wholesale Value, North Carolina, 1989 and 1990

CROP	UNIT	Number Sold		Total Quantity		Wholesale Value [1]	
		1989	1990	Intended 1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1989	1990
		Thousands			Percent	1,000 Dollars	
BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS							
Geraniums [2]	Flats	250	261	223	85	1,535	1,321
Other Flowering and Foliar Types [2]	Flats	2,030	2,615	2,510	96	11,165	12,343
Vegetable Type	Flats	453	340	324	95	2,478	1,510
Potted Hardy/Garden Mums [2]	Pots	1,438	1,736	1,854	107	2,129	2,649
Potted Geraniums (Cutting) [2]	Pots	1,281	1,248	1,252	100	2,086	2,551
Potted Geraniums (Seed) [2]	Pots	2,002	1,525	1,517	99	4,133	3,161
Potted Vegetable Type [2]	Pots	214	242	241	100	267	271
Other Potted Flowering/Foliar [2]	Pots	1,505	1,380	1,499	109	2,047	1,999
Hanging Baskets, Flowering [2]	Baskets	1,916	1,950	2,074	106	8,009	7,586
Total Bedding/Garden Plants [2]						33,849	33,391
CUT FLOWERS							
Chrysanthemums, Standard	Blooms	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	546	390
All Other Cut Flowers [2 4]	Blooms	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	1,581	1,652
Total Cut Flowers						2,127	2,042
FOLIAGE FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE							
Hanging Baskets, Foliage [2]	Baskets	1,608	1,398	1,428	102	6,303	5,270
Potted Foliage [5]						2,671	3,858
Total Foliage						8,974	9,128
POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS							
Chrysanthemums [2]	Pots	1,834	1,682	1,662	99	6,008	5,667
Poinsettias [2]	Pots	2,557	3,779	3,899	103	9,659	11,983
Lilies, Easter	Pots	301	345	349	101	1,186	1,377
Lilies, Other	Pots	17	24	23	96	84	111
African Violets [2]	Pots	1,097	1,059	1,057	100	1,018	979
Finished Florist Azaleas	Pots	188	211	224	106	1,151	1,283
Other Flowering Plants [2] (*Excl. Blooming Annuals*)	Pots	1,247	1,189	830	70	3,548	3,766
Total Potted Flowering Plants						22,654	25,166
Total Value of Reported Crops						67,604	69,727

[1] *Equivalent wholesale value of all sales.* [2] *1989 Revised.* [3] *Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.* [4] *Includes Sweetheart Roses, Hybrid Tea Roses, Pompon Mums, Gladioli, Carnations Standard and other cut flowers.* [5] *Gross value of sales less cost of plant material purchased from other growers for growing on.*

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators April 1			Poults Placed During March [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,546**	**10,977**	**95**	**8,472**	**7,991**	**94**
East North Central	5,312	4,763	90	3,655	3,423	94
West North Central	11,474	11,493	100	8,344	7,438	89
South Central	4,306	3,880	90	3,060	3,128	102
West	6,034	5,808	96	4,168	3,774	91
UNITED STATES	38,672	36,921	95	27,699	25,754	93

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 1991, totaled 36.9 million, 5% below a year earlier. The 25.8 million poults placed during March 1991, in the United States were down 7% from the placements during the same month a year ago.

IRISH POTATOES

Spring potato production in North Carolina is forecast at 3.2 million cwt., down fractionally from a year earlier. Acreage for harvest at 17,000 acres, is 800 acres more than last year. Yields are expected to be below last year by 10 cwt. per acre. Plantings were about 90% completed by April 7 and the crop was rated in mostly good condition.

U.S. production of spring potatoes is forecast at 21.3 million cwt., a drop of 12% from last year but 2% above the 1989 crop. Area for harvest is estimated at 87.8 thousand acres, down 8% from a year ago and 1% below two years ago. The average yield is expected at 243 cwt. per acre, down from last year but 3% above 1989.

IRISH POTATOES, APRIL 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

Seasonal Group and State	AREA Planted		AREA Harvested		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1990	Ind. 1991	1990	Ind. 1991	1990	Ind. 1991	1989	1990	Ind. 1991
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		
SPRING									
North Carolina	**16.5**	**17.3**	**16.2**	**17.0**	**200**	**190**	**2,184**	**3,240**	**3,230**
Alabama	5.8	4.0	5.7	3.9	150	170	1,296	855	663
Arizona	6.9	6.0	6.9	6.0	260	280	1,827	1,794	1,680
California	22.5	20.7	22.5	20.7	375	375	7,875	8,438	7,763
Florida									
Hastings	29.0	27.5	28.7	27.0	240	210	5,460	6,888	5,670
Other	8.5	8.6	8.3	8.4	220	180	1,400	1,826	1,512
Louisiana	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	27	[1]	[1]
Texas	7.0	5.0	6.8	4.8	165	170	783	1,122	816
TOTAL	96.2	89.1	95.1	87.8	254	243	20,852	24,163	21,334

[1] *Estimate discontinued.*

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on February 28, 1991, totaled 2.11 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. This total includes 1.27 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 791 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 49.4 million pounds. There were 149 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of February 28, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks on February 28, 1991, totaled 595 million pounds of which 540 million pounds were edible grades and 54.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 189 million pounds; Runners, 300 million pounds; and Spanish, 51.2 million pounds.

PEANUTS [1]

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	1,000 Acres				*Pounds*		*1,000 Pounds*		*1,000 Dollars*	
N.C.	**153.0**	**165.0**	**152.0**	**164.0**	**2,435**	**2,900**	**370,120**	**475,600**	**108,075**	**153,619**
Ala.	240.0	258.0	239.0	256.0	2,250	1,510	537,750	386,560	153,259	129,498
Fla.	95.0	102.0	87.0	94.0	2,470	2,480	214,890	233,120	55,871	71,568
Ga.	690.0	782.0	635.0	770.0	2,700	1,750	1,849,500	1,347,500	506,763	459,498
N. Mex.	18.2	20.0	18.2	20.0	2,400	2,500	43,680	50,000	12,230	15,500
Okla.	99.0	107.0	98.0	106.0	2,150	2,220	210,700	235,320	60,682	95,305
S. C.	13.0	14.0	12.5	13.5	2,600	2,230	32,500	30,105	10,725	11,289
Tex.	265.0	295.0	262.0	289.0	1,850	1,850	484,700	534,650	134,262	219,741
Va.	92.0	97.0	91.0	97.0	2,705	3,195	246,155	309,915	74,585	103,202
U. S.	1,665.2	1,840.0	1,644.7	1,809.5	2,426	1,991	3,989,995	3,602,770	1,116,452	1,259,220

[1] *1990 Revised.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Mar. 1990	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Mar. 1990	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.626	1.890	1.995
Corn	Bu.	2.91	2.57	2.76	2.37	2.32	2.37
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.39	1.13	1.15
Soybeans	Bu.	5.77	5.72	5.73	5.65	5.65	5.63
Hogs, All	Cwt.	50.70	51.20	51.40	51.30	52.10	52.20
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.350	.270	.290	.364	.299	.306
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.350	.320	.350	.372	.344	.376
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.680	.519	.693	.731	.601	.749
Milk, All	Cwt.	16.10	13.20	13.10	13.90	11.70	11.50
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	9.17	5.38	5.50
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.211	.208	-	.123	.207	.201
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	87.50	80.40	84.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The March 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 250% of its 1967 base, was up 6 points from February. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for corn, broilers, turkeys, and eggs. The index was up one point from a year earlier.

The March 1991 "All Crops" index, at 261, was up 2 points from a month earlier and 13 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for March 1991, at 231, was up 15 points from February but 19 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for March 1991, at 298, was up one point. The poultry index, at 206, increased 27 points. The dairy index, at 205, was down 1 point from a month earlier.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during March 1991 totaled 142 million pounds, up 6% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 100,000 head, up 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,420 pounds was up 70 pounds from March 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during March totaled 11.1 billion pounds, 1% above production in these same states in March 1990. February revised production, at 9.95 billion pounds, was 2% above February 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,315 pounds for March, 23 pounds above March 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.47 million head, 22,000 less than February and 35,000 less than March 1990.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on April 1, 1991, averaged 17.6 pounds, 0.5 of a pound less than April 1, 1990. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on April 1, averaged $7.77 per hundredweight, $0.23 less than the price of April 1, 1990.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in March 1991 was $2.76 per bushel, up 19 cents from a month earlier. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.73 per bushel, was up one cent from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in March, at $51.40 per hundredweight, was up 20 cents from February and 70 cents above a year ago. Broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 35.0 cents per pound, were up 3.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 69.3 cents per dozen, were up 17.4 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.10 per hundredweight, was down 10 cents from a month earlier and $3.00 below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Mar. 15 1989 [1]	Mar. 15 1990 [1]	Feb. 15 1991 [1]	Mar. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	238	249	244	250
All Crops	236	248	259	261
Tobacco	233	255	270	270
Oil Bearing	271	239	266	266
Grains	217	212	188	201
Commercial Vegetables	197	232	203	203
Fruits	274	289	333	333
Livestock and Livestock Products	243	250	216	231
Meat Animals	236	293	297	298
Poultry	249	227	179	206
Dairy	234	251	206	205
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	274	274	264	270
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.

MILK PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds 1990	Pounds 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**99**	**100**	**1,350**	**1,420**	**134**	**142**	**106**
Florida	180	185	1,360	1,340	245	248	101
Maryland	103	104	1,175	1,180	121	123	102
Virginia	141	140	1,240	1,305	175	183	105
21 STATES	8,500	8,465	1,292	1,315	10,986	11,129	101

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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NORTH CAROLINA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Inventory Values, 1985-91

YEAR	ALL CATTLE AND CALVES January 1		ALL HOGS AND PIGS December 1		ALL CHICKENS December 1		STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS January 1	
	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value
	Dollars	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*
1985	350.00	411,250	64.50	151,575	2.15	45,688	65.50	550
1986	360.00	396,000	84.00	198,240	1.85	39,886	75.50	755
1987	365.00	346,750	80.00	204,000	1.55	32,457	75.00	975
1988	455.00	375,375	61.50	166,050	3.10	61,241	65.00	845
1989	495.00	420,750	73.00	187,610	2.75	53,955	85.00	1,105
1990	535.00	481,500	75.00	210,000	3.30	63,575	84.00	1,260
1991	**570.00**	**541,500**	-	-	-	-	**64.00**	**1,088**

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MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 261 million eggs during March 1991, unchanged from a year earlier. Production consisted of 151 million table eggs and 110 million hatching eggs, both unchanged from the previous year. The average number of layers on hand during March was 13.0 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million for table eggs and 6.0 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.88 billion during March 1991, up 1% from the 5.83 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.05 billion table eggs, 759 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 69.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during March averaged 272 million, down fractionally from a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,163 eggs, compared with 2,143 in March 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 1991 totaled 270 million, down 1% from last year's 272 million layers. The 270 million layers consisted of 227 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 1991, averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from last year's 69.7 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION — MARCH

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		*Millions Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,125**	**12,996**	**261**	**261**	**151**	**151**	**110**	**110**
Alabama	9,548	9,721	192	195	88	85	104	110
Florida	10,810	10,693	232	226	213	210	19	16
Georgia	17,856	18,121	376	381	253	250	123	131
South Carolina	5,561	5,203	124	118	114	107	10	11
UNITED STATES	271,916	271,814	5,829	5,881	5,042	5,053	787	828

POULTRY - 1990 PRODUCTION AND VALUE DOWN

The combined North Carolina value of production from eggs, broilers, and turkeys and the sales from other chickens in 1990 was $1,475 million, down 1% from the $1,489 million in 1989. Of the combined total, 55% was from broilers, 31% from turkeys, 14% from eggs, and less than 1% from other chickens. In addition, another $86 million came from other poultry items, which stretches the grand total to $1.6 billion.

The combined U.S. value of production from broilers, eggs and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens, in 1990 was $14.9 billion, down 1% from the $15.0 billion in 1989. Of the combined total, 56% was from broilers, 27% from eggs, 16% from turkeys, and 1% from other chickens.

TURKEYS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1988-90 [1]

YEAR	Number Raised	Pounds Produced [2]	Price Per Pound [3]	Value of Production
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1988	47,900	938,840	36.0	337,982
1989	52,200	991,800	41.0	406,638
1990	58,000	1,160,000	39.0	452,400

[1] Based on turkeys placed September 1-August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost. [2] Includes home consumption. [3] Gross income including home consumption.

COMMERCIAL BROILERS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1988-90 [1]

YEAR	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound [2]	Value of Production [3]
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1988	500,100	2,300,460	31.0	713,143
1989	520,000	2,444,000	34.5	843,180
1990	540,300	2,593,440	31.0	803,966

[1] Data are on a December 1-November 30 production year basis. Includes other meat-type breeds. [2] Live weight equivalent price. [3] Gross income including home consumption.

EGGS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1988-90 [1]

YEAR	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually Per Layer On Farm	Eggs Produced	Average Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	Thousands	*Number*	*Million*	*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1988	14,281	238	3,396	67.3	190,459
1989	13,871	239	3,312	80.3	221,628
1990	12,849	232	2,986	82.8	206,034

[1] Data are on a December 1 - November 30 production year basis.

CHICKENS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1988-90 [1]

YEAR	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	Number		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1988	12,700	99,060	11.0	10,897
1989	11,800	89,680	19.6	17,577
1990	12,000	87,600	14.2	12,439

[1] Excludes commercial broilers. Data are on a December 1 - November 30 production year basis.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the March 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 567 million, was 4% above March of last year. There were 465 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 1991, up 3% from a year earlier.

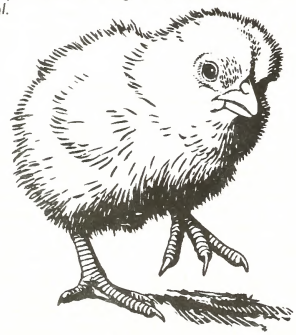
Leading breeders placed 4.95 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 1991, up 1% from March 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 53.8 million broiler chicks during March 1991, up 1% from the 53.3 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED — MARCH

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**53,302**	**53,793**	**101**
Alabama	85,433	88,409	103
Arkansas	95,055	98,507	104
Delaware	16,618	16,525	99
Florida	11,386	11,509	101
Georgia	77,926	81,864	105
Maryland	32,393	32,217	99
Mississippi	33,977	38,209	112
Pennsylvania	11,651	11,246	97
South Carolina	7,455	7,698	103
Texas	33,562	35,237	105
Virginia	15,339	16,857	110
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	27,708	30,712	111
Washington & Oregon	5,333	5,407	101
Other States [1]	37,080	38,943	105
UNITED STATES	544,218	567,133	104
15 STATES [2]	501,805	522,783	104

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data are included in the U.S. total.



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 37.0 million, up 1% from March 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.0 million on April 1, 1991, up 5% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 279,000 during March 1991, up 29% from March 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — MARCH

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	964	896	93
Florida	1,949	1,835	94
Georgia	1,852	2,163	117
Indiana	6,596	6,911	105
Iowa	2,010	1,690	84
Kansas	141	216	153
Minnesota	1,762	1,608	91
Missouri	789	921	117
Pennsylvania	3,141	4,342	138
Other States [1]	17,305	16,441	95
UNITED STATES	36,509	37,023	101

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

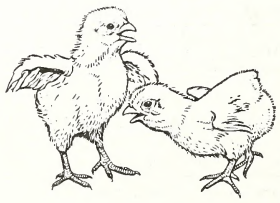
U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1989	1990	1991
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,909	2,538	2,502
February	199	167	139	83	2,829	2,558	2,553
March	215	217	279	129	2,822	2,525	2,666
April	330	173			2,823	2,609	2,519
May	131	202			2,736	2,586	2,485
June	284	242			2,706	2,684	2,394
July	270	321			2,588	2,653	2,476
August	166	279			2,585	2,660	2,406
September	318	171			2,625	2,628	2,378
October	189	155			2,632	2,630	2,440
November	262	171			2,729	2,473	
December	147	229			2,621	2,544	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For March 1991, includes pullet chicks placed September 1989 through August 1990.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — APRIL 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	11,019	10,796	98	6,251	5,370	86
East North Central	5,092	5,784	114	8,740	11,445	131
West North Central	11,355	13,473	119	5,174	5,253	102
South Atlantic	176,388	183,191	104	5,715	5,310	93
South Central	222,895	230,051	103	3,658	4,124	113
West	22,912	21,514	94	4,838	4,545	94
UNITED STATES	449,661	464,809	103	34,376	36,047	105



MARCH LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during March 1991 totaled 61.1 million pounds live weight, down 21% from a year ago. Hog slaughter, at 48.8 million pounds, was down 25% from a year ago. Cattle slaughter totaled 12.2 million pounds, up 2%. Calf slaughter, at 47,000 pounds, was down 37%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,016 pounds; calves 355 pounds; hogs 243 pounds, sheep and lambs 89 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during March 1991 totaled 40.9 million pounds dress weight, down 22% from a year ago.

Commercial red meat production for the United States in March 1991, totaled 3.08 billion pounds dress weight, down 5% from last year. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

In comparing March 1991 with March 1990; beef production, at 1.72 billion pounds dress weight, was down 8%. Head kill totaled 2.51 million, down 9%. The average live weight increased 22 pounds to 1,155. Veal production, at 26.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 7%. Calf slaughter totaled 123,000 head, down 27% and the average live weight increased 85 pounds to 353. Pork production, at 1.30 billion pounds dress weight, was down 2%. Hog kill totaled 7.22 million head, down 3% from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 250. Lamb and mutton production, at 36.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 12% from last year. Slaughter totaled 565,000 head, up 15%. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 126.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER — MARCH

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	12.2	12.0	12,030	12,234	2.8	2.5	3,130	2,898
Calves	.2	.1	75	47	.2	.1	45	43
Sheep & Lambs	.1	.1	14	13	.5	.6	63	71
Hogs	273.2	200.3	64,961	48,776	7.5	7.2	1,847	1,804
TOTAL	285.7	212.5	77,080	61,070	11.0	10.4	5,085	4,816

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*

MEAT ANIMALS MARKETINGS AND CASH RECEIPTS UP

Cash receipts from meat animals in the Tar Heel State for 1990 totaled $794 million, up 21% from the $657 million in 1989. Hogs accounted for 77% of the total receipts, cattle and calves nearly 23%, sheep and lambs less than 1%.

Nationally, cash receipts from meat animals totaled $51.7 billion, up 10% from 1989. The percentage breakdown of the total receipts by commodity were: cattle and calves, 77%; hogs and pigs, 22%; sheep and lambs, 1%.

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on March 31, 1991, totaled 1.78 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. This total includes 848 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 875 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 60.2 million pounds. There were 37.7 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of March 31, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks on March 31, 1991, totaled 658 million pounds of which 603 million pounds were edible grades and 54.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 197 million pounds; Runners, 356 million pounds; and Spanish, 50.4 million pounds.

MEAT ANIMALS: INVENTORY, MARKETINGS AND CASH RECEIPTS

SPECIES	INVENTORY [1]		MARKETINGS		CASH RECEIPTS	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	1,000 Head				*Thousand Dollars*	
NORTH CAROLINA						
Hogs	2,570	2,800	5,204	5,044	508,792	615,149
Cattle & Calves	850	900	352	375	148,416	178,712
Sheep & Lambs	13.0	15.0	5.6	6.3	251	224
UNITED STATES						
Hogs	53,821	54,362	92,553	89,380	9,465,966	11,516,367
Cattle & Calves	98,065	98,162	57,171	57,111	36,894,270	39,747,094
Sheep & Lambs	10,858	11,363	7,550	7,914	489,196	412,496

[1] *Beginning of year.*

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CATTLE ON FEED UP 8% IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES

Cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1991, for slaughter market in the 13 quarterly states totaled 10.9 million head, up 8% from April 1, 1990, and 10% above 1989. This is the largest April number on feed since 1973. The cattle on feed inventory included 7.11 million steers and steer calves, 10% above last year and 12% above 1989. This group represented 65% of the total April number on feed, compared to 64% for both last year and 1989. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.70 million, 4% above last year and 5% above 1989.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed during the January-March 1991 quarter totaled 5.89 million, down 3% from 1990 and 5% below 1989. Other disappearance of 462,000 head leaves net placements at 5.43 million. Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter during January-March totaled 5.54 million, 1% below 1990 and 2 % below the same period in 1989.

CATTLE ON FEED [1] - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS

STATE	APR. 1, 1990	JAN. 1, 1991	APR. 1, 1991	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1990
		1,000 Head		*Percent*
Arizona	213	232	201	94
California	390	440	395	101
Colorado	900	1,005	950	106
Idaho	195	290 [2]	275	141
Illinois	300	370	350	117
Iowa	1,020	1,050	1,090	107
Kansas	1,700	1,760	1,770	104
Minnesota	330	345	350	106
Nebraska	2,150	2,320	2,420	113
Oklahoma	320	330	340	106
S. Dakota	270	320	320	119
Texas	2,110	2,330	2,230	106
Washington	165	185	178	108
13 States	10,063	10,977 [2]	10,869	108

[1] *Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a full ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.*
[2] *Revised based on corrected data.*

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GENERAL SITUATION

As of May 5, soil moisture supplies were rated 6% short, 68% adequate and 26% surplus. Soil moisture supplies have generally been in the adequate to surplus range this entire year. The majority of weather reporting stations are indicating above normal precipitation since March 1.

Mild weather together with very favorable rainfall so far this season have crops progressing very rapidly. As of May 5, 87% of the wheat crop was headed, which compares with the five-year average for this date of 62%. The condition of wheat and other small grains has been rated mostly good the entire season. Corn planting, at 90% complete, was well above the average of 74%. Thirty-eight percent of the cotton crop was planted compared to 46% last year and the average of 38%. Sorghum planting was about a week ahead of normal with 28% completed. Peanut and soybean planting were also underway with 17% and 10% completed respectively. Flue-cured tobacco transplanting was ahead of both last year and the average with 65% completed. Tobacco plant bed supplies were rated 4% short, 86% adequate and 10% surplus.

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FLUE-CURED TOBACCO, BY TYPE, 1989 AND 1990 [1]

STATE	TYPE	HARVESTED ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION		AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
		1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
				Pounds		Thousand Lbs.		Cents		Thousand Dols.	
N. C.	11	**98,000**	**106,000**	**1,945**	**2,090**	**190,610**	**221,540**	**168.3**	**168.2**	**320,797**	**372,630**
N. C.	12	**127,000**	**135,000**	**2,090**	**2,370**	**265,430**	**319,950**	**167.5**	**169.2**	**444,595**	**541,355**
N. C.	13	**34,000**	**35,000**	**2,120**	**2,290**	**72,080**	**80,150**	**165.8**	**163.3**	**119,509**	**130,885**
N. C.	11-13	**259,000**	**276,000**	**2,039**	**2,252**	**528,120**	**621,640**	**167.6**	**168.1**	**884,901**	**1,044,870**
Va.	11	37,000	40,000	1,935	2,120	71,595	84,800	168.6	170.1	120,709	144,245
S. C.	13	48,000	51,000	2,160	2,155	103,680	109,905	166.3	158.6	172,420	174,309
Ga.	14	40,000	43,000	2,180	2,415	87,200	103,845	167.0	168.3	145,624	174,771
Fla.	14	6,700	6,900	2,660	2,760	17,755	19,044	167.6	173.0	29,757	32,946
U.S.	11-14	390,700	416,900	2,069	2,253	808,350	939,234	167.4	167.3	1,353,411	1,571,141

[1] *Revised.*

BURLEY TOBACCO, 1989 AND 1990 [1]

STATE	HARVESTED ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION		AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
			Pounds		Thousand Lbs.		Cents		Thousand Dols.	
North Carolina	**7,700**	**8,200**	**1,780**	**2,195**	**12,936**	**17,999**	**166.6**	**174.3**	**21,551**	**31,372**
Indianna	6,100	6,400	2,170	2,100	13,237	13,440	167.3	176.0	22,146	23,654
Kentucky	169,000	185,000	2,060	2,270	348,140	419,950	167.4	175.5	582,786	737,012
Missouri	2,500	2,600	2,180	2,280	5,450	5,928	162.5	174.2	8,856	10,327
Ohio	9,100	9,700	1,750	1,950	15,925	18,915	167.3	175.5	26,643	33,196
Tennessee	38,000	46,000	1,720	2,060	65,360	94,760	167.0	174.7	109,151	165,546
Virginia	10,500	11,000	1,870	2,055	19,635	22,605	166.8	174.4	32,751	39,423
West Virginia	1,450	1,700	1,300	1,600	1,885	2,720	165.2	174.5	3,114	4,746
United States	244,350	270,600	1,975	2,204	482,568	596,317	167.2	175.3	806,998	1,045,276

[1] *Revised.*

SPRING POTATOES — ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991
	1,000 Acres		*Cwt*		*1,000 Cwt*		
North Carolina	**16.2**	**17.0**	**200**	**175**	**2,184**	**3,240**	**2,975**
Alabama	5.7	3.9	150	170	1,296	855	663
Arizona	6.9	6.0	260	280	1,827	1,794	1,680
California	22.5	20.7	375	375	7,875	8,438	7,763
Florida							
Hastings	28.7	27.0	240	190	5,460	6,888	5,130
Other	8.3	8.4	220	175	1,400	1,826	1,470
Louisiana	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	27	[1]	[1]
Texas	6.8	4.8	165	170	783	1,122	816
TOTAL	95.1	87.8	254	233	20,852	24,163	20,497

[1] *Estimates discontinued in 1990.*

N.C. SPRING POTATO FORECAST DOWN 8%

The spring Irish potato crop in the State is forecast at 3.0 million cwt., 8% less than last year's production. The area for harvest is estimated at 17,000 acres, 800 more than in 1990. The yield per acre is forecast at 175 cwt., down 25 cwt. from last season.

U.S. spring potato production is forecast at 20.5 million cwt., down 15% from last year and 4% below last month.

STATE'S COTTONSEED PRODUCTION UP 86%

Cottonseed production in North Carolina totaled 91,000 tons, an increase of 86% from the 49,000 tons produced in 1989.

U.S. cottonseed production in 1990 totaled 5.97 million tons, up 28% from 1989. The preliminary 1990 marketing year price received is $121.00 per ton compared with $105.00 in 1989. Value of cottonseed for the crop totaled $722 million, up 47% from the previous year.

N.C. HAY STOCKS

Hay stored on North Carolina farms as of May 1, 1991 totaled 182,000 tons. This is down 25% from the 244,000 tons on hand May 1, 1990.

For the U.S., on-farm hay stocks on May 1, 1991 totaled 27.1 million tons, virtually unchanged from last year.

COTTON: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1989 and 1990

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield		Production [1]	
	1989	1990 [2]	1989	1990 [2]	1989	1990 [2]
	1,000 Acres		*Cwt*		*1,000 Cwt*	
North Carolina	**110.0**	**200.0**	**615**	**631**	**141.0**	**263.0**
Alabama	322.0	378.0	571	476	383.0	375.0
Arizona	239.0	348.0	1,303	1,110	649.0	805.0
Arkansas	595.0	750.0	687	692	851.0	1,081.0
California	1,040.0	1,090.0	1,228	1,204	2,661.0	2,734.0
Florida	25.0	36.0	557	640	29.0	48.0
Georgia	260.0	350.0	631	555	342.0	405.0
Kansas	0.4	1.2	240	280	0.2	0.7
Louisiana	620.0	790.0	672	715	868.0	1,177.0
Mississippi	1,020.0	1,220.0	732	728	1,555.0	1,850.0
Missouri	209.0	235.0	618	641	269.0	314.0
New Mexico	55.0	62.0	698	735	80.0	95.0
Oklahoma	340.0	370.0	244	496	173.0	382.0
South Carolina	118.0	154.0	626	452	154.0	145.0
Tennessee	460.0	515.0	497	461	476.0	495.0
Texas	3,750.0	5,000.0	367	477	2,870.0	4,965.0
Virginia	2.6	5.3	498	562	2.7	6.2
UNITED STATES	9,166.0	11,504.5	602	632	11,503.9	15,140.9

[1] *480-lb. net weight bales.* [2] *Revised.*

1990 N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION UP 87%

North Carolina cotton growers produced 263,000 bales in 1990, 87% more than the 1989 crop. Area harvested in 1990 totaled 200,000 acres, up 82% from the previous year. The yield of lint per acre averaged 631 pounds, 16 pounds more than a year earlier.

All cotton production in the United States totaled 15.5 billion bales in 1990, 27% above the 1989 production. This large increase was due to both a larger acreage and increased yields. Upland cotton production, at 15.1 bales, was 32% above the 1989 level. American-Pima production totaled 359 thousand bales, 48% less than the record high 1989 production.

N.C. WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 5%

Winter wheat production in North Carolina is forecast at 21.5 million bushels, down 5% from last year. A decrease in acreage is responsible for the smaller production. Area for harvest is estimated at 500,000 acres, 9% less than harvested in 1990. The yield per acre is forecast at 43 bushels, 2 bushels more than last year. About 87% of the crop has headed, the same as a year earlier.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.50 billion bushels, down 26% from 1990. Yields are expected to average 36.9 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from last year. The area to be harvested as grain is expected to total 40.5 million acres, down 19% from the previous year. Above normal March temperatures pushed the Kansas crop ahead of normal and caused moisture stress in the central and western districts.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES, U.S. [1]

YEAR	Winter			Spring			TOTAL
	Hard Red	Soft Red	White	Hard Red	Durum	White	
	1,000 Bushels						
1989	711,040	548,919	194,683	433,455	92,229	56,292	2,036,618
1990	1,198,855	549,478	284,966	554,678	122,171	28,446	2,738,594
1991 [2]	873,961	460,866	161,116				

[1] *Wheat class estimates are based on variety acreage survey data available for all wheat producing states. Unless unusual situations dictate, the previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season.* [2] *Indicated May 1, 1991.*

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, APRIL 1991			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	APR. 1990	JAN. 1991	APR. 1991
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein ...	**220.00**	213.00	205.00	211.00	211.00	209.00
38-42% Protein ...	**303.00**	308.00	293.00	296.00	294.00	295.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**185.00**	174.00	192.00	181.00	179.00	178.00
18% Protein	**191.00**	182.00	195.00	190.00	187.00	187.00
20% Protein	**197.00**	186.00	198.00	191.00	189.00	189.00
32% Protein	**260.00**	246.00	293.00	273.00	275.00	278.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein ...	**269.00**	283.00	270.00	250.00	249.00	249.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter.....	**245.00**	207.00	250.00	223.00	217.00	222.00
Broiler Grower ...	**201.00**	220.00	237.00	217.00	211.00	209.00
Laying Feed.....	**187.00**	186.00	221.00	195.00	198.00	195.00
Turkey Grower ...	**230.00**	227.00	249.00	239.00	235.00	237.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran.....	**11.20**	10.10	10.20	10.80	10.70	10.80
Middlings.....	**9.00**	8.10	9.60	9.47	9.35	9.39
Corn Meal.....	**7.80**	8.50	6.80	7.30	7.37	7.44
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**14.00**	12.90	16.40	14.50	14.60	14.00
Soybean Meal 44%	**12.90**	12.80	11.50	12.70	12.50	12.70

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Apr. 15 1989 [1]	Apr. 15 1990 [1]	Mar. 15 1991 [1]	Apr. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	230	245	249	244
All Crops	234	249	261	262
Tobacco	233	255	270	270
Oil Bearing	267	245	268	268
Grains	218	214	198	205
Commercial Vegetables	222	232	203	203
Fruits	190	289	333	333
Livestock and Livestock Products	223	237	228	214
Meat Animals.....	224	299	288	288
Poultry	222	207	206	181
Dairy.....	220	234	201	200
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	270	276	272	272
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	359	371	[4]	384
Parity Ratio [3].....	75	74	[4]	71

[1] *Revised.* [2] *Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.* [4] *Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The April 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 244% of its 1967 base, was down 5 points from March. Contributing to the decrease were lower prices for hogs, broilers, eggs, and milk. The index was down one point from a year earlier.

The April 1991 "All Crops" index, at 262, was up 1 point from a month earlier and 13 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for April 1991, at 214, was down 14 points from March and 23 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for April 1991, at 288, was unchanged from the previous month. The poultry index, at 181, decreased 25 points. The dairy index, at 200, was down 1 point from a month earlier.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in April 1991 was $2.82 per bushel, up 10 cents from a month earlier. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.84 per bushel, was unchanged from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in April, at $47.80 per hundredweight, was down 70 cents from March and $5.40 below a year ago. Broilers, at 28.0 cents per pound, were down one cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 36.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 47.5 cents per dozen, were down 21.8 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $12.80 per hundredweight, was down 10 cents from a month earlier and $2.20 below the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Apr. 1990	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	Apr. 1990	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.94	2.72	2.82	2.51	2.39	2.44
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.44	1.16	1.17
Soybeans	Bu.	6.05	5.84	5.84	5.82	5.76	5.76
Hogs, All	Cwt.	53.20	48.50	47.80	53.80	51.40	50.60
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.320	.290	.280	.332	.306	.304
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.350	.350	.360	.370	.376	.367
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.576	.693	.475	.642	.749	.562
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.00	12.90	12.80	13.40	11.40	11.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.30	5.54	6.94
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.120	.201	.199
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	95.00	84.50	88.60

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

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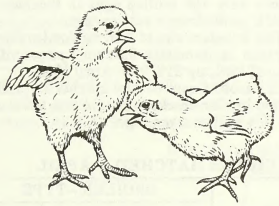
APRIL MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during April 1991 totaled 139 million pounds, up 6% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 100,000 head, up 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,390 pounds was up 70 pounds from April 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during April totaled 10.9 billion pounds, 1% above production in these same states in April 1990. March revised production, at 11.1 billion pounds, was 1% above March 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,294 pounds for April, 21 pounds more than April 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.43 million head, 36,000 less than March 1991 and 69,000 less than April 1990.



MILK PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds 1990	Pounds 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**99**	**100**	**1,320**	**1,390**	**131**	**139**	**106**
Florida	181	182	1,295	1,295	234	236	101
Maryland	102	103	1,145	1,175	117	121	103
Virginia	140	139	1,215	1,295	170	180	106
21 STATES	8,497	8,428	1,273	1,294	10,818	10,909	101

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	10,461	11,035	105	5,914	5,874	99
East North Central	4,944	5,677	115	9,412	9,715	103
West North Central	11,141	11,554	104	5,421	4,779	88
South Atlantic	176,583	183,840	104	4,607	5,459	118
South Central	223,284	232,764	104	4,594	4,379	95
West	23,005	24,600	107	5,371	4,692	87
UNITED STATES	449,418	469,470	104	35,319	34,898	99

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 248 million eggs during April 1991, down 3% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 141 million table eggs and 107 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 5% while hatching eggs remained unchanged. The average number of layers on hand during April was 13.1 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 6.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.59 billion during April 1991, down 1% from the 5.65 billion produced a year ago. Production included 4.78 billion table eggs, 744 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 65.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during April averaged 270 million, down 1% from a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,070 eggs, compared with 2,080 in April 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 1991 totaled 269 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 269 million layers consisted of 225 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of eggs laid per day on May 1, 1991, averaged 68.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 68.9 eggs per 100 layers.

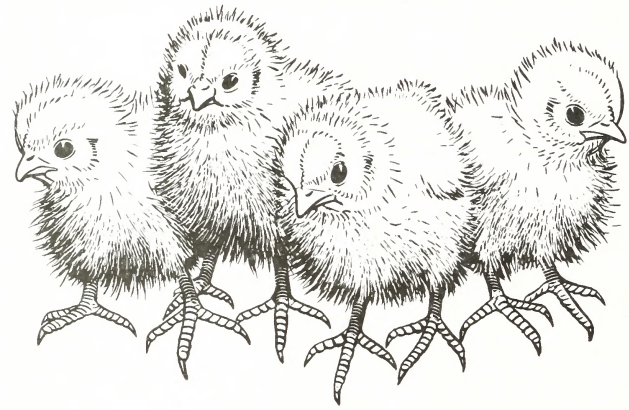
EGG PRODUCTION — APRIL

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		Millions Eggs					
North Carolina	**13,161**	**13,083**	**256**	**248**	**149**	**141**	**107**	**107**
Alabama	9,753	9,688	187	186	86	78	101	108
Florida	10,725	10,300	227	207	208	191	19	16
Georgia	17,539	17,911	358	354	236	228	122	126
South Carolina	5,415	5,268	119	113	109	102	10	11
UNITED STATES	271,339	269,848	5,646	5,585	4,867	4,776	779	809

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1989	1990	1991
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,909	2,538	2,502
February	199	167	139	83	2,829	2,558	2,553
March	215	217	279	129	2,822	2,525	2,666
April	330	173	231	134	2,823	2,609	2,519
May	131	202			2,736	2,586	2,485
June	284	242			2,706	2,684	2,394
July	270	321			2,588	2,653	2,476
August	166	279			2,585	2,660	2,406
September	318	171			2,625	2,628	2,378
October	189	155			2,632	2,630	2,440
November	262	171			2,729	2,473	2,498
December	147	229			2,621	2,544	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For April 1991, includes pullet chicks placed October 1989 through September 1990.



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1989	1990	1991
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-14 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	3,982	4,587	4,594	100	32,512	34,352	37,096
February	4,173	4,340	4,929	114	32,484	34,764	37,526
March	4,662	4,924	4,951	101	32,566	35,277	37,708
April	4,385	4,592	5,556	121	33,046	35,882	38,011
May	4,535	5,089			33,150	36,416	38,551
June	4,528	5,134			32,327	35,762	38,341
July	4,205	4,438			32,602	35,799	38,489
August	4,807	4,604			32,310	35,851	37,994
September	4,587	4,890			32,539	35,663	37,789
October	4,707	4,880			33,466	36,382	38,302
November	4,008	4,714			33,652	36,167	39,254
December	4,422	4,740			34,114	36,669	
ANN. TOT.	53,001	56,932					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For April 1991, includes pullet chicks placed February 1990 through September 1990.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 39.5 million, up 7% from April 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.9 million on May 1, 1991, down 1% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 231,000 during April 1991, up 34% from April 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — APRIL

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	812	896	110
Florida	1,942	1,828	94
Georgia	1,912	2,021	106
Indiana	6,269	6,886	110
Iowa	2,191	2,027	93
Kansas	459	324	71
Minnesota	1,784	2,129	119
Missouri	1,145	1,052	92
Pennsylvania	4,243	5,092	120
Other States [1]	16,158	17,272	107
UNITED STATES	36,915	39,527	107

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the April 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 554 million, was 3% above April of last year. There were 469 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 1991, up 4% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.56 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 1991, up 21% from April 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 52.6 million broiler chicks during April 1991, up 4% from the 50.4 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED — APRIL

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**50,406**	**52,567**	**104**
Alabama	84,375	86,118	102
Arkansas	93,453	95,139	102
Delaware	16,205	16,000	99
Florida	11,272	11,522	102
Georgia	77,253	78,537	102
Maryland	31,428	32,239	103
Mississippi	35,073	37,649	107
Pennsylvania	11,200	10,939	98
South Carolina	6,968	8,010	115
Texas	33,426	34,044	102
Virginia	14,418	17,011	118
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	29,017	27,903	96
Washington & Oregon	5,492	5,684	103
Other States [1]	38,010	40,663	107
UNITED STATES	537,996	554,025	103
15 STATES [2]	494,494	507,678	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data are included in the U.S. total.

WORKERS ON FARMS, APRIL 7-13, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**122**	**122**	**68**	**68**	**13**	**16**	**41**	**38**	**29**	**23**	**12**	**15**
Appalachian II	204	210	151	150	24	26	29	34	19	22	10	12
Southeast	122	160	67	85	8	14	47	61	35	44	12	17
U.S. (49 States)	2,743	2,761	1,481	1,501	436	427	826	833	636	637	190	196

[1] Survey period in 1990 was April 8-14. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

APRIL FARM WAGES INCREASED TO $5.81 PER HOUR

There were 2.95 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 7-13, 1991. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.48 million of the total, along with 436,000 unpaid workers, and 826,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 206,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $5.81 per hour during the April 1991 survey week. This rate was up 27 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.44 per hour compared with $5.23 last April. Field workers received an average of $5.45 per hour, up 25 cents from the April 1990 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.35 compared with $4.94 per hour a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 36.7 hours, 0.9 hour more than the comparable week in 1990. Unpaid workers averaged 34.3 hours, 1.3 hours above last year. Hired employees worked 40.0 hours, 0.2 of an hour more than in April of last year.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 41% of the hired workers during the survey week. This compares with 44% last year.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], APRIL 7-13, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**4.31**	**4.47**	**5.30**	**4.54**	**7.75**	**9.79**	**6.22**	[4]	**4.50**	**4.39**	[4]	[4]	**5.25**	**5.69**
Appalachian II	4.98	4.33	4.90	4.48	10.32	8.24	[4]	[4]	5.09	4.55	[4]	[4]	6.62	4.87
Southeast	4.66	4.31	6.36	5.02	8.61	10.01	7.10	[4]	4.71	4.69	5.67	[4]	6.59	5.58
U.S. (49 States)	5.45	5.20	5.35	4.94	8.82	8.94	7.39	7.40	5.44	5.23	6.59	6.76	6.42	6.05

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1990 was April 8-14. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], APRIL 7-13, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**32.1**	**33.4**	**41.2**	**30.0**	**39.8**	**35.5**	**4.79**	**4.76**
Appalachian II	21.5	21.7	23.2	30.6	32.6	34.9	5.61	4.64
Southeast	28.4	27.3	38.1	34.2	38.2	35.8	5.20	4.90
U.S. (49 States)	36.7	35.8	34.3	33.0	40.0	39.8	5.81	5.54

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1990 was April 8-14. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

APRIL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during April 1991 totaled 66.0 million pounds live weight, down 3% from a year ago. Hog slaughter, at 54.0 million pounds, was down 6% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 11.9 million pounds, up 14%. Calf slaughter, at 47,000 pounds, was down 25%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,025 pounds; calves 382 pounds; hogs 247 pounds, sheep and lambs, 69 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during April 1991 totaled 44.0 million pounds dress weight, down 5% from a year ago.

Commercial red meat production for the United States in April 1991, totaled 3.29 billion pounds dress weight, 8% above a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

In comparing April 1991 with April 1990; beef production, at 1.87 billion pounds dress weight, was up 7% from a year earlier. The head kill totaled 2.74 million, up 5%. The average live weight increased 8 pounds to 1,145. Veal production, at 23.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 4%. Calf slaughter totaled 109,000 head, down 17%. The average live weight increased 85 pounds to 362. Pork production, at 1.36 billion pounds dress weight, was up 9%. Hog kill totaled 7.49 million head, up 8% from last year. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 252. Lamb and mutton production, at 29.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 5% from last year. Slaughter totaled 457,000 head, down 6%. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 127.

1990 SWEETPOTATO REVISIONS

The final estimate of 1990 sweetpotatoes in North Carolina places production at 4.93 million cwt. This is 21% above the 1989 production of 4.08 million cwt. and 12% below the 1988 production of 4.42 million cwt. The Tar Heel State's 1990 production accounted for 39% of the U.S. total.

The U.S. final estimate of sweetpotato production for 1990 totaled 12.6 million cwt., 11% above 1989 and 15% above 1988. The revised production was 3% under the preliminary estimate made last January. Harvest came from 89,500 acres, 4% above a year earlier and 5% above two years ago.

SWEETPOTATOES: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1989-90, Revised

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*	
N.C.	35.0	36.0	34.0	34.0	120	145	4,080	4,930
Ala.	4.0	5.0	3.9	4.9	120	120	468	588
Calif.	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	175	175	1,453	1,453
Ga.	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.5	170	130	816	585
La.	19.0	22.0	18.0	21.0	160	160	2,880	3,360
Md.	.6	.6	.5	.6	160	140	80	84
Miss.	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.5	95	120	285	420
N.J.	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	80	130	168	273
S.C.	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.4	110	110	330	374
Tenn. [1]	.6	-	.6	-	100	-	60	-
Tex.	7.8	6.8	7.0	6.2	90	60	630	372
Va.	.8	1.0	.8	1.0	135	155	108	155
U.S.	89.5	93.9	86.0	89.5	132	141	11,358	12,594

[1] *Estimates discontinued in 1990.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The May 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 245% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from April. Contributing to the increase from a month ago, were higher prices for corn, broilers, turkeys and hogs. The index was down 4 points from a year earlier.

The May 1991 "All Crops" index, at 261, was up 1 point from a month earlier and 10 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for May 1991, at 218, was up 4 points from April but 29 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for May 1991, at 304, was up 16 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 181, and the dairy index, at 198, were both unchanged from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	May 15 1989 [1]	May 15 1990 [1]	Apr. 15 1991 [1]	May 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	237	249	243	245
All Crops	233	251	260	261
Tobacco	233	255	270	270
Oil Bearing	259	244	268	264
Grains	211	225	189	201
Commercial Vegetables	222	232	203	203
Fruits	190	289	333	333
Livestock and Livestock Products	244	247	214	218
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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in May 1991 was $2.77 per bushel, up 17 cents from a month earlier. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.64 per bushel, was down 20 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in May, at $52.80 per hundredweight, was up $5.00 from April but $7.50 below a year ago. Broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were up one cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 38.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 42.2 cents per dozen, were down 5.3 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $12.70 per hundredweight, was unchanged from a month earlier but $3.20 below the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		May 1990	Apr. 1991	May 1991	May 1990	Apr. 1991	May 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Corn	Bu.	3.11	2.60	2.77	2.62	2.42	2.34
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.45	1.16	1.15
Soybeans	Bu.	5.99	5.84	5.64	5.97	5.77	5.59
Hogs, All	Cwt.	60.30	47.80	52.80	61.20	50.80	54.70
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.340	.280	.290	.350	.304	.313
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.370	.360	.380	.383	.367	.389
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.477	.475	.422	.509	.562	.497
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.90	12.70	12.70	13.50	11.30	11.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	25.00	9.32	6.83	11.00
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.126	.199	.221
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	99.90	88.60	84.20

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.40 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.64 billion pounds last year. This total includes 491 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 846 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 63.5 million pounds. There were no commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of April 30, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 636 million pounds of which 589 million pounds were edible grades and 47.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 204 million pounds; Runners, 319 million pounds; and Spanish, 66.4 million pounds.

SPRING IRISH POTATOES, JUNE 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991
	1,000 Acres		*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		
North Carolina	16.2	17.0	200	175	2,184	3,240	2,975
Alabama	5.7	3.5	150	140	1,296	855	490
Arizona	6.9	6.0	260	290	1,827	1,794	1,740
California	22.5	20.7	375	375	7,875	8,438	7,763
Florida							
Hastings	28.7	27.0	240	190	5,460	6,888	5,130
Other	8.3	8.4	220	175	1,400	1,826	1,470
Louisiana	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	27	[1]	[1]
Texas	6.8	4.8	165	165	783	1,122	792
TOTAL	95.1	87.4	254	233	20,852	24,163	20,360

[1] *Estimates discontinued in 1990.*

N.C. IRISH POTATO FORECAST

Spring Irish potato production for 1991 is forecast at 3.0 million cwt. in North Carolina, unchanged from the previous forecast but 8% less than last year's production. The area for harvest, at 17,000 acres, is 800 acres more than in 1990. Yield per acre is forecast at 175 cwt., down 25 cwt. from last season.

U.S. production of spring potatoes is forecast at 20.4 million cwt., a drop of 16% from last year and 2% below the 1989 crop. Area for harvest, estimated at 87,400 acres, fell 8% from a year ago and 2% below the 1989 acreage. The average yield, at 233 cwt. per acre, is down 8% from last year and 1% below 1989.

PEACHES, JUNE 1 FORECAST, NINE STATES

STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
	-Million Pounds-		
North Carolina	12.0	10.0	35.0
Alabama	15.0	12.0	16.0
Arkansas	2.5	18.0	11.0
Georgia	125.0	130.0	150.0
Louisiana	1.4	4.0	5.0
Mississippi	1.0	[2]	[2]
Oklahoma	25.0	8.0	25.0
South Carolina	270.0	110.0	360.0
Texas	14.0	24.0	32.0
9 STATES	465.9	316.0	634.0

[1] *Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold.* [2] *Estimates discontinued.*

PEACH CROP SECOND LARGEST SINCE 1984

Peach production in the State is forecast at 35 million pounds, more than three times larger than the freeze reduced crop of 1990 and the second largest crop since the 43 million pounds produced in 1984. This year's crop almost equals the 36 million produced in 1988. Harvest started around June 1 which is about nine days earlier than normal and had progressed to 15% by June 9.

The first U.S. peach forecast of 1991 is set at 2.59 billion pounds, 18% more than 1990 and 11% more than 1989. Production of the freestone crop, excluding California clingstones that are mostly canned, is forecast at 1.62 billion pounds, up 36% from 1990 and up 21% from 1989. Production of California clingstone is expected to total 970 million pounds, down 4% from last year and down 2% from 1989.

California's freestone crop has good quality and size. South Carolina growers could harvest the largest crop since 1984. Harvest started in mid-May in the Coastal Plains and lack of size has been a concern in early varieties. Excessive moisture caused above normal disease problems in South Carolina. Conditions are near ideal in Georgia and harvest began in early May. There was hail damage in the southern part of Georgia.

VEGETABLES: Acres, Yield, Production & Value, 1989-90, Revised

NORTH CAROLINA	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value Of Production	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fresh Market	*Acres*		*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		*1,000 Dollars*	
Sweet Corn	5,400	5,200	65	65	351	338	5,546	5,138
Strawberries [1]	2,100	2,100	42	60	88	126	4,752	6,426
Tomatoes	1,300	1,400	190	215	247	301	3,804	5,719
UNITED STATES								
Fresh Market	*Acres*		*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		*1,000 Dollars*	
Sweet Corn	178,200	185,300	91	90	16,135	16,658	272,809	249,812
Strawberries [1]	46,100	45,180	248	278	11,420	12,573	537,756	593,739
Tomatoes	141,240	134,290	254	250	35,904	33,564	1,190,968	920,130
Processing			*Tons*		*Tons*			
Snap Beans	249,000	245,930	3.49	3.23	869,700	795,550	151,379	145,230

[1] *Includes Fresh Market and Processing.*

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed May 1, 1991, for slaughter market in the 7 states preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.68 million head, up 6% from a year ago and 7% above May 1, 1989. This is the largest May number on feed since 1973. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.72 million, up 10% from last year and 9 % above two years ago. This is the largest number of April marketings on record.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 states during April totaled 1.46 million, up 6% from last year but 5% below April 1989. Net placements of 1.33 million for April were up 7% from last year but 6% below 1989. Other disappearance totaled 128,000 head compared to 125,000 in April 1990 and 124,000 in April 1989.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1 TO MAY 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	February 1			**March 1**		
Arizona	246	228	93	234	219	94
California	465	440	95	430	435	101
Colorado	880	940	107	830	920	111
Iowa	1,030	1,075	104	1,010	1,070	106
Kansas	1,615	1,760	109	1,615	1,740	108
Nebraska	2,120	2,350	111	2,100	2,370	113
Texas	2,170	2,310	106	2,100	2,220	106
7 STATES	8,526	9,103	107	8,319	8,974	108
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	April 1			**May 1**		
Arizona	213	201	94	196	185	94
California	390	395	101	400	370	93
Colorado	900	950	106	885	930	105
Iowa	1,020	1,090	107	1,000	1,060	106
Kansas	1,700	1,770	104	1,650	1,710	104
Nebraska	2,150	2,420	113	2,080	2,330	112
Texas	2,110	2,230	106	1,970	2,090	106
7 STATES	8,483	9,056	107	8,181	8,675	106

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NORTH CAROLINA 1991 COTTON ACREAGE LARGEST SINCE 1956

Cotton acreage in North Carolina, forecast at 450,000, is the largest since the 462,000 planted 35 years ago. Cotton acreage declined to a low of 45,000 acres in 1978 and did not rebound until recent years. The current acreage is 224 percent of last year. U.S. **All Cotton** acres are estimated at 14.2 million, up 15 percent from last year.

Increases are also estimated in North Carolina for **burley tobacco, barley, oats, rye** and **hay. Peanut** acreage is unchanged while **other crops** are showing a decline in acreage since 1990.

Soybean plantings are 1,350,000 acres, four percent below 1990.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,050,000 acres, down 12 percent from the previous year.

Flue-cured tobacco acres set totaled 270,000, two percent below last year.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 8,900 acres, up 700 acres from 1990.

Hay acreage for harvest is expected to total 520,000 acres, 11 percent above 1990.

The **wheat** acreage seeded last fall at 550,000 is unchanged from the June 11 forecast and is eight percent below last year.

CROP ACREAGES: North Carolina and United States, 1991, with comparisons

CROP	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	Indicated 1991	1991 As % of 1990	1990	Indicated 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands					
Barley: Planted All Purposes	35	40	114	8,201	8,926	109
Harvested For Grain	30	35	117	7,499	8,429	112
Oats: Planted All Purposes	80	85	106	10,423	8,648	83
Harvested For Grain	40	45	113	5,940	4,972	84
Rye: Planted All Purposes	100	140	140	1,625	1,686	104
Harvested For Grain	15	25	167	373	434	116
Winter Wheat: Planted All Purposes	600	550	92	56,998	51,049	90
Harvested For Grain	550	500	91	49,976	39,549	79
Corn: Planted All Purposes	1,200	1,050	88	74,171	75,909	102
Harvested For Grain	1,070	950	89	66,952	68,840	103
Cotton: Planted [1]	201	450	224	12,348	14,193	115
Harvested [1]	200	[2]		11,732	[2]	
Peanuts: Planted All Purposes	165	165	100	1,840	1,990	108
Harvested For Nuts	164	164	100	1,810	1,964	109
Sorghum: Planted All Purposes	65	45	69	10,535	11,046	105
Harvested For Grain	40	25	63	9,079	9,743	107
Soybeans: Planted All Purposes	1,400	1,350	96	57,795	59,775	103
Harvested For Beans	1,350	1,300	96	56,502	58,733	104
Tobacco: Harvested						
All Flue-Cured	276	270	98	416.9	406.9	98
Burley	8.2	8.9	109	270.6	311.5	115
Hay: All Harvested	470	520	111	61,557	63,134	103
Alfalfa	30	40	133	25,401	25,845	102
All Other	440	480	109	36,156	37,289	103
Irish Potatoes: Planted [3]	18.0	18.8	104	199.4	192.5	97
Harvested [3]	17.6	18.4	105	191.1	188.7	99
Sweetpotatoes: Planted	36	32	89	93.9	80.6	86
Harvested	34	31	91	89.5	77.8	87

[1] *U.S. acreages include American Pima.* [2] *1991 estimates to be released August 12, 1991.* [3] *Spring and summer crops.*

MAY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during May 1991 totaled 137 million pounds, up 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 100,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,370 pounds was up 30 pounds from May 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during May totaled 11.2 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from production in these same states in May 1990. April revised production at 10.9 billion pounds was 1% above April 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,335 pounds for May, 11 pounds more than May 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.42 million head, 10,000 less than April 1991 and 80,000 less than May 1990.

MILK PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1991 As % of 1990
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	100	100	1,340	1,370	134	137	102
Florida	180	181	1,270	1,250	229	226	99
Maryland	102	102	1,185	1,205	121	123	102
Virginia	140	139	1,235	1,290	173	179	103
21 STATES	8,496	8,416	1,324	1,335	11,252	11,238	100

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	10,385	11,139	107	5,516	6,651	121
East North Central	4,996	5,358	107	7,913	8,396	106
West North Central	10,599	9,998	94	4,919	4,401	89
South Atlantic	180,553	185,523	103	4,305	5,138	119
South Central	224,988	239,810	107	4,265	4,278	100
West	22,866	24,151	106	4,127	4,736	115
UNITED STATES	454,387	475,979	105	31,045	33,600	108

MAY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 252 million eggs during May 1991, down 4% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 140 million table eggs and 112 million hatching eggs, down 7% and 1% respectively from 1990. The average number of layers on hand during May was 13.1 million, down slightly from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 6.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.76 billion during May 1991, up slightly from the number produced a year ago. Production included 4.92 billion table eggs, 775 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 67.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during May averaged 271 million, up 1% from a year ago. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,125 eggs, compared with 2,136 in May 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 1991 totaled 272 million head, compared with 269 million head a year ago. The 272 million layers consisted of 227 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.88 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 1991 averaged 68.7 eggs per 100 layers compared with 68.9 for June 1, 1990.

EGG PRODUCTION — MAY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		Millions Eggs					
North Carolina	13,150	13,106	263	252	150	140	113	112
Alabama	9,705	9,710	193	185	85	73	108	112
Florida	10,385	10,123	217	211	198	194	19	17
Georgia	17,285	17,733	360	342	233	211	127	131
South Carolina	5,268	5,444	116	117	106	106	10	11
UNITED STATES	269,474	271,155	5,757	5,761	4,938	4,919	819	842

TURKEY EGGS DOWN POULTS PLACED UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 1991, totaled 37.9 million, 6% below a year earlier. The 29.8 million poults placed during May 1991 in the United States were 2% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators Jun 1			Poults Placed During May [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	11,593	11,759	101	9,203	8,884	97
East North Central	5,374	4,613	86	3,655	3,509	96
West North Central	12,578	11,786	94	8,588	9,403	109
South Central	4,241	4,450	105	3,059	3,299	108
West	6,521	5,298	81	4,619	4,667	101
UNITED STATES	40,307	37,906	94	29,124	29,762	102

[1] Excludes exported poults.

HOG NUMBERS UP

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms June 1, 1991, totaled 3,150,000 head, up 19% from a year earlier. Breeding stock at 375,000 head is up 17% and market hogs at 2,775,000 head are 19% above a year ago. North Carolina ranks sixth nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs. The state's pig crop during the March-May period totaled 1,523,000 head, 16% above the same months last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.70 head compared to 8.20 during March-May last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the June-August quarter and 180,000 sows during the September-November quarter. If these expectations are realized, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 45,000 head or 15% over the same period last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the U.S. June 1, 1991 is estimated at 56.3 million head. This number is 5% above a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.47 million head, is 6% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 48.8 million head, up 4% from last year. The December 1990 - May 1991 pig crop was 47.5 million head, 5% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter was 7.92, a record high for this period. Expected farrowings for the June - November period totaled 6.09 million sows, up 7% from last year.

Estimates for the 16 quarterly States account for about 91% of the U.S. total inventory. These states, with 51.1 million head, were up 4% from last year. The December 1990 - May 1991 pig crop was 43.0 million head, 4% more than last year. Producers intend to have 5.52 million sows farrow during the June - November period, an increase of 7% from a year earlier.

HOGS AND PIGS — JUNE 1, 1991 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
NUMBER ON FARMS:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,650	3,150	119	53,850	56,290	105
Kept for breeding	320	375	117	7,075	7,470	106
Market	2,330	2,775	119	46,775	48,820	104
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	970	1,140	118	19,806	20,700	105
60-119 Lbs.	530	625	118	11,718	12,355	105
120-179 Lbs.	445	520	117	8,535	8,806	103
180 Lbs. and Over	385	490	127	6,716	6,959	104
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	150	165	110	2,600	2,705	104
March-May	160	175	109	3,142	3,285	105
December[1]-May	310	340	110	5,742	5,990	104
June-August	150	175[2]	117	2,879	3,078[2]	107
September-November	160	180[2]	113	2,834	3,013[2]	106
June-November	310	355[2]	115	5,713	6,091[2]	107
PIG CROP:						
December[1]-February	1,215	1,361	112	20,349	21,283	105
March-May	1,312	1,523	116	24,958	26,185	105
December[1]-May	2,527	2,884	114	45,307	47,468	105
	Number			Number		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December[1]-February	8.10	8.25	102	7.83	7.87	101
March-May	8.20	8.70	106	7.94	7.97	100
December[1]-May	8.15	8.50	104	7.89	7.92	100

[1] December preceding year. [2] Intentions.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS UP

There were 487 thousand hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed States during the week of May 12-18, 1991. This compares with 471 thousand workers during the April, 1991, survey week.

Average May wage rates received by hired workers in the eleven States ranged from $4.46 per hour in Wisconsin to $6.30 per hour in Florida. Wages were lower when compared with April in California, New York, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

This is the first in a new series of monthly farm labor statistics covering hired workers and wage rates for selected states, including North Carolina. Monthly data will be published for May, June, August and September in addition to the regular farm labor data series published quarterly January, April, July and October.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, April - May, 1991 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	APRIL	MAY	APRIL	MAY
	Thousands		Dollars per Hour	
North Carolina	27	**31**	4.42	**4.90**
New York	22	22	5.71	5.48
Pennsylvania	23	26	5.40	5.45
Florida	46	43	5.98	6.30
Michigan	27	29	5.85	5.87
Wisconsin	29	35	5.20	4.46
Texas	47	41	5.01	5.37
New Mexico	7	6	4.87	4.91
Oregon	18	19	5.99	5.89
Washington	46	35	6.10	6.00
California	179	200	6.38	6.26

[1] Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. April survey week April 7-13, 1991 and May survey week May 12-18, 1991. [2] Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.

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NORTH CAROLINA CORN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS UP

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on June 1, 1991, totaled 23.2 million bushels, 15% more than the same quarter in 1990. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 12.0 million bushels, up 71% from last year. Off-farm holdings totaled 11.2 million bushels, compared to 13.1 million bushels on June 1, 1990.

Soybean stocks in all positions as of June 1, 1991 totaled 8.6 million bushels, 12.0% more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 3.2 million bushels, were up 45% and off-farm stocks, at 5.4 million bushels, were down 1% from June 1, 1990.

GRAIN STOCKS, JUNE 1, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,000	17,500	24,245	18,008	41,245	35,508
June 1	7,000	**12,000**	13,139	**11,176**	20,139	**23,176**
September 1	1,800		5,344		7,144	
December 1	29,000		23,747		52,747	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,500	7,000	12,314	9,551	19,814	16,551
June 1	2,200	**3,200**	5,485	**5,404**	7,685	**8,604**
September 1	1,200		4,124		5,324	
December 1	13,000		15,651		28,651	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	150	320	[2]	4,125	[2]	4,445
June 1	100	**150**	1,406	**2,369**	1,506	**2,519**
September 1	2,000		8,686		10,686	
December 1	1,600		6,300		7,900	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,910,500	3,064,500	1,901,921	1,724,474	4,812,421	4,788,974
June 1	1,623,500	**1,755,000**	1,219,708	**1,236,911**	2,843,208	**2,991,911**
September 1	754,800		589,657		1,344,457	
December 1	4,874,000		2,066,289		6,940,289	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	376,000	532,920	567,109	863,057	943,109	1,395,977
June 1	212,500	**341,210**	323,955	**524,571**	536,455	**865,781**
September 1	1,000,000		1,409,504		2,409,504	
December 1	763,200		1,144,838		1,908,038	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	535,800	555,500	519,705	634,619	1,055,505	1,910,119
June 1	255,300	**336,500**	340,614	**387,022**	595,914	**723,522**
September 1	86,000		153,139		239,139	
December 1	754,000		929,963		1,683,963	
SORGHUM						
March 1	88,050	73,780	425,549	259,099	513,599	332,879
June 1	44,500	**43,750**	290,484	**176,332**	334,984	**220,082**
September 1	30,300		189,459		219,759	
December 1	140,000		372,340		512,340	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *N.C. data not published separately.*

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GENERAL SITUATION

After a few weeks of hot and dry weather, rain has fallen in most areas of the state over the last three weeks. As of July 7, 1991 soil moisture supplies were rated 2% very short, 30% short, 60% adequate and 8% surplus. The majority of weather reporting stations are indicating above normal precipitation since March 1.

While some areas of the state remain dry and some minor crop damage has occurred, overall the condition of most crops remain very good. The small grain harvest is just about completed with most farmers indicating about average yields. The corn crop suffered some heat related stress and will need continued rainfall to avoid any reduction in yield. As of July 7, 80% of the corn had silked and 40% was in the soft dough stage. The cotton crop is in very good condition with 79% of the crop squared and 25% setting bolls. Soybean planting is almost completed with the young crop beginning to flower. Flue-cured tobacco is maturing rapidly with 55% of the crop topped and eight percent harvested to date. The peach harvest is about half completed with growers having the first good crop in three years.

NORTH CAROLINA ACREAGE, 1990-1991

CROPS	1990		1991 [1]	
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
	Acres			
Fresh Market Vegetables				
Snap Beans	7,000	6,700	7,000	6,900
Cabbage	5,700	5,400	6,000	5,700
Cucumbers	6,300	6,100	6,000	5,800
Green Peppers	8,000	7,000	8,000	7,600
Watermelons	10,000	9,500	11,000	10,700

[1] Preliminary.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION UP 48 PERCENT

Apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 340 million pounds, 48 percent more than last season's production of 230 million pounds and 55 percent more than the 1989 crop of 220 million pounds. The crop is currently in mostly good condition.

The first U.S. forecast of this year's apple crop, at 9.96 billion pounds, is three percent above last year's crop and virtually the same as 1989.

ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, JULY 1, 1991

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
		Thousands				Thousands	
Barley, grain	Bu.	30	35	53	47	1,590	1,645
Oats, grain	Bu.	40	45	61	55	2,440	2,475
Winter Wheat, grain	Bu.	550	500	41	40	22,550	20,000
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	106	104	2,090	2,130	221,540	221,520
Type 12	Lb.	135	131	2,370	2,300	319,950	301,300
Type 13	Lb.	35	35	2,290	2,230	80,150	78,050
Type 11-13	Lb.	276	270	2,252	2,225	621,640	600,870
Fruit:		Actual Acres					
Apples	Lb.	15,000	[1]	15,300	[1]	230,000	340,000
Peaches	Lb.	4,200	[1]	2,380	[1]	10,000	35,000
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring	Cwt.	16,200	17,000	200	175	3,240	2,975
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,400	100	90	140	126
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	17,600	18,400	192	169	3,380	3,101
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				Million	
Barley, grain	Bu.	7,499	8,429	55.9	56.5	418.9	476.2
Oats, grain	Bu.	5,940	4,972	60.1	56.3	357.1	280.0
Winter Wheat, grain	Bu.	49,976	39,549	40.7	34.4	2,033.3	1,361.3
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	416.9	406.9	2,253	2,217	939.2	902.2
Fruit:							
Apples	Lb.	485	[1]	20,000	[1]	9,696.8	9,964.0
Peaches	Lb.	185.5	[1]	11,900	[1]	2,205.2	2,558.0
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring	Cwt.	95.1	87.4	254	233	24.2	20.4
Summer	Cwt.	96.0	99.3	240	230	23.0	22.8
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	191.1	186.7	247	231	47.2	43.2

[1] Released 1/17/92.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DECLINED

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during May 1991 totaled 42.9 million pounds, a decrease of 6% from a year ago. Nationally, red meat production totaled 3.29 billion pounds, 1% below a year earlier.

In comparing May 1991 with May 1990 for the United States: Beef production totaled 1.95 billion pounds. This was down 3% from a year earlier. The head kill totaled 2.85 million, down 5%. The average live weight increased 31 pounds to 1,140. Veal production at 23.0 million pounds was down 9%. Calf slaughter totaled 105,200 head, down 25%. The average live weight increased 83 pounds to 371. Pork production at 1.29 billion pounds was up 3%. Hog kill totaled 7.13 million head, up 2% from last year. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 253. Lamb and mutton production at 30.0 million pounds was down 3% from last year. Slaughter totaled 460,700 head, down 4%. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 129. January-May red meat production was 16.0 billion pounds, up 1% from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was down 1% while veal, pork, and lamb and mutton were each up 2%.

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.15 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock for all states, compared with 1.25 billion pounds last year. This total includes 216 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 868 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 62.6 million pounds. There were no commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of May 31, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 653 million pounds of which 599 million pounds were edible grades and 53.4 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 221 million pounds; Runners, 322 million pounds; and Spanish, 55.6 million pounds.

N.C. SUMMER POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN TEN PERCENT

The summer Irish potoato crop in North Carolina is expected to produce 126,000 cwt., down ten percent from last year. Production is down due to a decrease in yield estimated at 90 cwt. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1,400 acres, unchanged from 1990.

The U.S. summer potato production forecast totaled 22.8 million cwt. in 1991, down one percent from last year but three percent above 1989. Farmers expect to harvest 99,300 acres during the summer season, an increase of three percent from a year earlier. The average yield is expected to drop four percent.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN THREE PERCENT

The flue-cured tobacco crop in North Carolina is forecast at 601 million pounds, down three percent from the 1990 crop. The decrease is due to smaller acreage and yields. Area for harvest at 270,000 acres is down two percent from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,225 pounds, down 27 pounds from the previous season's average of 2,252 pounds.

The first U.S. flue-cured production forecast for this season is 902 million pounds, four percent less than last year's output. Production is down in four of the five producing states. Yield per acre, at 2,217 pounds, falls short of the 1990 average yield by 36 pounds. Acres for harvest are down two percent from a year earlier.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, July 1, 1991

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N. C.	11	98.0	106.0	104.0	1,945	2,090	2,130	190,610	221,540	221,520
N. C.	12	127.0	135.0	131.0	2,090	2,370	2,300	265,430	319,950	301,300
N. C.	13	34.0	35.0	35.0	2,120	2,290	2,230	72,080	80,150	78,050
N. C.	11-13	259.0	276.0	270.0	2,039	2,252	2,225	528,120	621,640	600,870
Va.	11	37.0	40.0	38.0	1,935	2,120	2,150	71,595	84,800	81,700
S. C.	13	48.0	51.0	51.0	2,160	2,155	2,200	103,680	109,905	112,200
Ga.	14	40.0	43.0	41.0	2,180	2,415	2,200	87,200	103,845	90,200
Fla.	14	6.7	6.9	6.9	2,660	2,760	2,500	17,755	19,044	17,250
U. S.	11-14	390.7	416.9	406.9	2,069	2,253	2,217	808,350	939,234	902,220

N.C. PEACH PRODUCTION MORE THAN TRIPLE

As harvest progresses, North Carolina peach growers are expected to harvest 35 million pounds of peaches. This is over three times larger than the ten million freeze reduced pounds produced last year and the second largest since the 43 million pounds produced in 1984. As of July 7, harvesting reached 45 percent completion in North Carolina and the condition of the crop is rated mostly good.

U.S. peach production is forecast at 2.56 billion pounds, down one percent from the June forecast but up 16 percent from 1990. Production of the freestone crop, excluding California Clingstone peaches that are mostly canned, is expected to total 1.59 billion pounds, down two percent from June 1 but up 33 percent from last year.

N.C. BARLEY PRODUCTION UP THREE PERCENT

Barley production in North Carolina is forecast at 1.65 million bushels, three percent more than last year. Area for harvest at 35,000 acres is up 17 percent from 1990. The yield per acre is expected to average 47 bushels, six less than last year.

U.S. barley production is forecast at 476 million bushels as of July 1, 1991. This is 14 percent above the 1990 production of 419 million bushels. Yields are expected to average 56.5 bushels per acre, 0.6 of a bushel more than last year. Area harvested and to be harvested, at 8.43 million acres, is up 12 percent from last year's 7.50 million acres.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		June 1990	May 1991	June 1991	June 1990	May 1991	June 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	3.20	2.75	2.76	2.63	2.38	2.32
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.33	1.16	1.14
Soybeans	Bu.	6.07	5.80	5.65	5.88	5.67	5.58
Hogs, All	Cwt.	57.20	51.30	53.70	60.30	54.10	53.90
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.315	.290	.295	.341	.313	.314
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.390	.380	.390	.387	.389	.397
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.503	.422	.437	.537	.497	.496
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.30	13.00	12.90	13.80	11.40	11.40
Potatoes	Cwt.	6.00	20.00	18.00	8.99	9.70	8.88
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.137	.221	.242
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	86.70	84.20	71.60

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in June 1991 was $2.76 per bushel, up one cent from a month earlier. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.65 per bushel, was down 15 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in June, at $53.70 per hundredweight, was up $2.40 from May but $3.50 below a year ago. Broilers, at 29.5 cents per pound, were up .5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 39.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 43.7 cents per dozen, were up 1.5 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $12.90 per hundredweight, was down 10 cents from a month earlier and $2.40 below the previous year. Irish potatoes, at $18.00 per hundredweight, were down $2.00 from a month earlier.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The June 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 246% of its 1967 base, was up one point from May. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for corn, hogs, broilers, turkeys, and eggs. The index was up one point from a year earlier.

The June 1991 "All Crops" index, at 260, was unchanged from a month earlier but 12 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for June 1991, at 221, was up 4 points from May but 18 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for June 1991, at 305, was up 6 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 185, was up 4 points from a month earlier. The dairy index, at 201, was a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	June 15 1989 [1]	June 15 1990 [1]	May 15 1991 [1]	June 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	239	245	245	246
All Crops	234	248	260	260
Tobacco	233	255	270	270
Oil Bearing	262	245	268	264
Grains	216	232	200	201
Commercial Vegetables	237	172	193	193
Fruits	190	289	333	333
Livestock and Livestock Products	246	239	217	221
Meat Animals	262	316	299	305
Poultry	246	200	181	185
Dairy	223	239	203	201
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	270	278	278	283
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] *Revised.* [2] *Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.* [4] *Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.*

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WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT

North Carolina winter wheat production is forecast at 20.0 million bushels, down 11 percent from the 1990 crop of 22.6 million bushels and two percent less than the June 1 forecast. Area harvested for grain, at 500,000 acres is down nine percent from 1990. Yields are expected to average 40 bushels per acre, one bushel less than the previous season's average and the June 1 forecast.

U.S. winter wheat production for 1991 is forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, down six percent from June 1 and 33 percent from 1990. This is the lowest production level since 1978. Yields are expected to average 34.4 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and down 6.3 bushels from last year. Acreage for grain harvest is 39.5 million acres, unchanged from the June 27, 1991 report and 21 percent below last season.

WINTER WHEAT — Acreage, Yield and Production, 1989 - 1991

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1990	Ind. 1991	1990	Ind. 1991	1989	1990	Ind. 1991
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*			*1,000 Bushels*	
N.C.	**550**	**500**	**41.0**	**40.0**	**21,420**	**22,550**	**20,000**
Ala.	190	120	35.0	30.0	6,600	6,650	3,600
Ariz.	54	29	95.0	96.0	3,162	5,130	2,784
Ark.	1,400	930	35.0	22.0	52,800	49,000	20,460
Calif.	560	390	76.0	80.0	43,890	42,560	31,200
Colo.	2,550	2,300	33.0	31.0	57,200	84,150	71,300
Del.	60	67	51.0	48.0	3,108	3,060	3,216
Fla.	55	25	33.0	20.0	1,885	1,815	500
Ga.	590	450	35.0	33.0	22,400	20,650	14,850
Idaho	920	700	75.0	68.0	56,700	69,000	47,600
Ill.	1,900	1,400	48.0	31.0	105,020	91,200	43,400
Ind.	970	750	52.0	40.0	51,920	50,440	30,000
Iowa	75	50	45.0	34.0	3,290	3,375	1,700
Kans.	11,800	10,800	40.0	32.0	213,600	472,000	345,600
Ky.	500	430	40.0	30.0	22,500	20,000	12,900
La.	390	220	33.0	20.0	10,850	12,870	4,400
Md.	190	195	52.0	53.0	8,600	9,880	10,335
Mich.	750	560	55.0	48.0	33,920	41,250	26,880
Minn.	85	50	30.0	37.0	4,560	2,550	1,850
Miss.	520	250	30.0	18.0	15,300	15,600	4,500
Mo.	2,000	1,550	38.0	34.0	86,950	76,000	52,700
Mont.	2,500	1,900	35.0	36.0	54,000	87,500	68,400
Nebr.	2,250	2,100	38.0	34.0	55,350	85,500	71,400
N. Mex.	325	320	25.0	22.0	4,000	8,125	7,040
N.Y.	145	110	49.0	48.0	5,850	7,105	5,280
N. Dak.	160	80	27.0	32.0	2,320	4,320	2,560
Ohio	1,350	1,100	59.0	50.0	62,730	79,650	55,000
Okla.	6,300	5,000	32.0	27.0	153,900	201,600	135,000
Oreg.	910	800	60.0	54.0	48,900	54,600	43,200
Pa.	210	175	50.0	46.0	7,955	10,500	8,050
S.C.	380	280	38.0	33.0	17,835	14,440	9,240
S. Dak.	1,600	1,300	36.0	37.0	35,100	57,600	48,100
Tenn.	490	330	36.0	24.0	18,900	17,640	7,920
Tex.	4,200	2,800	31.0	28.0	60,000	130,200	78,400
Utah	150	135	40.0	43.0	4,960	6,000	5,805
Va.	260	245	47.0	49.0	12,650	12,220	12,005
Wash.	2,200	750	63.0	53.0	68,900	138,600	39,750
Wis.	185	120	53.0	53.0	9,010	9,805	6,360
Wyo.	205	195	29.0	31.0	4,246	5,945	6,045
U.S.	49,976	39,549	40.7	34.4	1,454,642	2,033,299	1,361,316

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N.C. FARM NUMBERS DOWN THREE PERCENT

The number of farms in North Carolina declined two thousand during the last year to 60,000 farming operations. Land in farms is estimated at 9,600,000 acres, down one percent from 1990. The average size farm increased four acres from a year earlier to 160 acres.

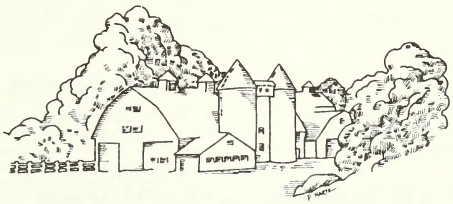
The number of farms by sales group are: 57% with less than $10,000 sales, 30% with sales of $10,000 - $99,999 and 13% with sales above $99,999.

The number of farms in the United States is estimated at 2.1 million acres, down two percent from last year. Land in farms is estimated at 983 million acres, down five million acres from 1990. The average size farm increased six acres from a year earlier to 467 acres.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, 1988-1991 [1]

YEAR	Number Of Farms	Land In Farms	Average Size	SALES CLASS ESTIMATES					
				$1,000-$9,999	$10,000-$99,999	$100,000 +	$1,000-$9,999	$10,000-$99,999	$100,000 +
	Thousand	Thousand Acres	Acres	Number			Thousand Acres		
				NORTH CAROLINA					
1988	68	10,300	151	39,400	20,700	7,900	2,400	4,000	3,900
1989	65	10,000	154	39,000	17,500	8,500	2,500	3,400	4,100
1990	62	9,700	156	35,000	19,000	8,000	2,200	3,400	4,100
1991	60	9,600	160	34,000	18,200	7,800	2,179	2,721	4,700
				UNITED STATES					
1988	2,197	994,543	453	1,079,300	807,100	310,740	111,943	399,800	482,800
1989	2,171	991,153	457	1,047,300	810,800	312,420	103,673	399,680	487,800
1990	2,140	987,420	461	1,017,050	801,570	321,800	98,820	390,800	497,800
1991	2,105	982,576	467	1,001,600	775,900	327,060	98,496	376,400	507,680

[1] *A farm is any establishment from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.*



NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS UP

There were 566 thousand hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed States during the week of June 9-15, 1991. This compares with 487 thousand workers during the May 1991, survey week.

Average June wage rates received by hired workers in the eleven States ranged from $4.75 per hour in New Mexico to $6.04 per hour in Florida. Wages were higher when compared with May in New York, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Favorable weather during the survey week allowed fieldwork to progress normally in North Carolina. Major agricultural activities included planting soybeans, harvesting small grains and truck crops, and cultivating, spraying and irrigating tobacco.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, May - June, 1991 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	MAY	JUNE	MAY	JUNE
	Thousands		Dollars per Hour	
North Carolina	**31**	**30**	**4.90**	**4.90**
New York	22	36	5.48	5.67
Pennsylvania	26	29	5.45	5.35
Florida	43	33	6.30	6.04
Michigan	29	30	5.87	5.74
Wisconsin	35	41	4.46	4.83
Texas	41	55	5.37	5.52
New Mexico	6	6	4.91	4.75
Oregon	19	34	5.89	5.50
Washington	35	58	6.00	5.95
California	200	214	6.26	6.03

[1] *Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. May survey week May 12-18, 1991 and June survey week June 9-15, 1991.* [2] *Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.*

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 52.9 million broiler chicks during June 1991, up 4 percent from the 50.8 million a year ago.

Nationally, the June 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 567 million, was 5% above June of last year. There were 457 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 1991, up 4% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.85 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1991, down 5% from June 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — JUNE

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	50,768	52,903	104
Alabama	85,240	89,848	105
Arkansas	94,097	97,629	104
Delaware	16,494	16,609	101
Florida	11,446	11,639	102
Georgia	79,388	79,785	101
Maryland	32,198	32,190	100
Mississippi	36,020	38,652	107
Pennsylvania	10,495	11,582	110
South Carolina	7,283	8,501	117
Texas	33,752	35,054	104
Virginia	14,172	17,132	121
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	28,647	31,022	108
Washington & Oregon	5,322	5,203	98
Other States [1]	36,906	38,915	105
UNITED STATES	542,228	566,664	105
15 STATES [2]	500,000	522,546	105

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.* [2] *States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data are included in the U.S. total.*

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 35.5 million, up 3% from June 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.5 million on July 1, 1991, up 16% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 179,000 during June 1991, down 26% from June 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — JUNE

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,006	880	87
Florida	1,792	1,848	103
Georgia	1,137	1,529	134
Indiana	5,979	5,532	93
Iowa	2,054	2,212	108
Kansas	320	258	81
Minnesota	1,793	1,670	93
Missouri	944	571	60
Pennsylvania	3,958	4,378	111
Other States [1]	15,488	16,607	107
UNITED STATES	34,471	35,485	103

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.*

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 1991, totaled 110 million head, up 2% from the July 1 level of both a year ago and two years ago. This is the largest July 1 inventory since July 1, 1986.

Class estimates and the percentage changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows: all cows and heifers that have calved, 44.5 million, up 1% from both years. Beef cows, 34.5 million, up 2% from both years. Milk cows, 10.0 million, down 1% from both years. All heifers 500 pounds and over, 17.0 million, up 3% and up 2%. Beef replacement heifers, 5.30 million, up 4% and up 8%. Milk replacement heifers, 4.20 million, unchanged and down 7%. Other heifers, 7.50 million, up 4% from both years. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.2 million, up 4% and 6%. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.20 million, unchanged from both years. Calves under 500 pounds, 30.9 million, up 1% from both years.

The 1991 calf crop is expected to be 40.1 million head, up 1% from 1990 and virtually unchanged from 1989. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 29.3 million, up slightly from both 1990 and 1989.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 1989-91

CLASS	1989	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head			*Percent*
Cattle and Calves	107,700	107,900	109,800	102
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved:	43,900	44,000	44,500	101
Beef Cows	33,800	33,900	34,500	102
Milk Cows	10,100	10,100	10,000	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,600	16,500	17,000	103
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,900	5,100	5,300	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,500	4,200	4,200	100
Other Heifers	7,200	7,200	7,500	104
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,400	14,600	15,200	104
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,200	2,200	2,200	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	30,600	30,600	30,900	101
Calf Crop	40,102	39,879	40,100	101

JUNE MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during June 1991 totaled 121 million pounds, down 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 99,000 head, down 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,220 pounds was down 15 pounds from June 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during June totaled 10.7 billion pounds, slightly below production in these same states in June 1990. May revised production, at 11.2 billion pounds was virtually the same as May 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,269 pounds for June, 7 pounds more than June 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.41 million head, 5,000 less than May and 82,000 less than June 1990.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on July 1, 1991, averaged 17.3 pounds, the same as July 1, 1990. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on July 1, averaged $7.71 per hundredweight, $0.40 less than the July 1, 1990 price.

MILK PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1991 As % of 1990
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	100	99	1,235	1,220	124	121	98
Florida	178	178	1,150	1,130	205	201	98
Maryland	101	103	1,100	1,090	111	112	101
Virginia	139	139	1,150	1,200	160	167	104
21 STATES	8,495	8,413	1,262	1,269	10,719	10,679	100

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	10,132	11,042	109	4,724	6,932	147
East North Central	5,690	4,746	83	7,906	8,294	105
West North Central	9,596	9,147	95	3,761	4,153	110
South Atlantic	176,230	181,024	103	4,000	4,870	122
South Central	215,290	228,364	106	3,471	3,279	94
West	22,785	23,176	102	3,364	4,009	119
UNITED STATES	439,723	457,499	104	27,226	31,537	116

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 1991, totaled 37.5 million, 2% below a year earlier. The 28.2 million poults placed during June 1991 in the United States were 4% below the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators July 1			Poults Placed During Jun [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	12,350	11,893	96	8,667	8,763	101
East North Central	4,735	4,459	94	3,808	3,496	92
West North Central	10,833	11,701	108	9,120	8,879	97
South Central	4,118	4,137	100	3,054	3,016	99
West	6,412	5,352	83	4,627	4,003	87
UNITED STATES	38,448	37,542	98	29,276	28,157	96

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

JUNE EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 247 million eggs during June 1991, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 141 million table eggs and 106 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 2% while hatching eggs were unchanged from 1990. The average number of layers on hand during June was 13.1 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.1 million layers for table eggs and 6.0 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.62 billion during June 1991, up 2% from the 5.53 billion produced a year ago. Production included 4.81 billion table eggs, 746 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 66.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during June averaged 271 million, up 2% from a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,071 eggs, compared with 2,069 in June 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1991, totaled 271 million, up 2% from last year's total of 265 million. The 271 million layers consisted of 228 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.93 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1991 averaged 69.3 eggs per 100 layers, compared to last year's 69.5 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION — JUNE

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		Millions Eggs					
North Carolina	12,898	13,104	250	247	144	141	106	106
Alabama	9,292	9,563	180	177	77	69	103	108
Florida	10,210	9,970	199	208	181	190	18	18
Georgia	17,026	17,507	343	324	224	198	119	126
South Carolina	5,356	5,463	112	116	102	104	10	12
UNITED STATES	267,072	271,318	5,526	5,620	4,746	4,808	780	812

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N.C. CUCUMBER ACREAGE UP ONE PERCENT

Contracted acreage of cucumbers for pickles in North Carolina totaled 19,500 acres, one percent more than last year. Of the total acreage, 14,800 are contracted for early season production and 4,700 for the late season.

Nationally, picklers have contracted 97,070 acres of cucumbers this year, compared with 106,502 acres in 1990.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during June 1991 totaled 43.1 million pounds, up 13% from a year ago. Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.06 billion pounds, 4% below a year earlier.

In comparing June 1991 with June 1990 for the United States: Beef production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, down 5% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.71 million, down 8%. The average live weight increased 33 pounds to 1,150. Veal production, at 20.0 million pounds was down 21%. Calf slaughter totaled 93,000 head, down 31%. The average live weight increased 67 pounds to 358. Pork production, at 1.14 billion pounds was down slightly. Hog kill totaled 6.30 million head, down fractionally from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 253. Lamb and mutton production at 25.0 million pounds, was down 8% from last year. Slaughter totaled 406,000 head, down 8%. The average live weight was unchanged.

January-June red meat production was 19.1 billion pounds, down fractionally from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef and veal production was down 1 and 2 percent, respectively; while pork was up 2% and lamb and mutton was equal to a year earlier.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Crop conditons have generally been good throughout the year. Corn was affected in some areas due to hot, dry conditions earlier in the season. The last few weeks have brought heavy rains to all areas of the state. There have been reports of crop damage caused by flooding and excess rainfall, however the extent of the damage is not known.

As of August 11, 1991, soil moisture supplies were rated 9% short, 56% adequate and 35% surplus. Eighty-nine percent of the peach crop has been harvested. Flue-cured tobacco harvesting is continuing rapidly with 37% completed to date. The corn crop is maturing about a week ahead of normal with 92% in the soft dough stage, 78% in the dent stage and 46% classified as mature.

FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION DOWN TWO PERCENT

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 607.4 million pounds, two percent less than last year but up slightly from July. The yield per acre is forecast at 2,250 pounds, two pounds less than the 1990 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 270,000 acres, two percent less than last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 905 million pounds, fractionally above the forecast a month ago but four percent less than a year ago. Yield per acre, at 2,223 pounds, is 30 pounds lighter than last year's average. Acres for harvest are two percent below a year earlier.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, August 1, 1991

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
		Thousands			Pounds			Thousand Pounds		
N. C.	11	98.0	106.0	104.0	1,945	2,090	2,130	190,610	221,540	221,520
N. C.	12	127.0	135.0	131.0	2,090	2,370	2,350	265,430	319,950	307,850
N. C.	13	34.0	35.0	35.0	2,120	2,290	2,230	72,080	80,150	78,050
N. C.	11-13	259.0	276.0	270.0	2,039	2,252	2,250	528,120	621,640	607,420
Va.	11	37.0	40.0	38.0	1,935	2,120	2,100	71,595	84,800	79,800
S. C.	13	48.0	51.0	51.0	2,160	2,155	2,250	103,680	109,905	114,750
Ga.	14	40.0	43.0	41.0	2,180	2,415	2,100	87,200	103,845	86,100
Fla.	14	6.7	6.9	6.9	2,660	2,760	2,400	17,755	19,044	16,560
U. S.	11-14	390.7	416.9	406.9	2,069	2,253	2,223	808,350	939,234	904,630

BURLEY TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN ONE PERCENT

Burley tobacco production in the state is forecast at 17.8 million pounds, one percent less last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at 2,000 pounds, 195 pounds below last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 8,900 acres, nine percent more than a year ago.

U.S. burley output is expected to total 649 million pounds in 1991, up nine percent from 1990. The larger production is the result of a 14 percent acreage increase. Average yield is forecast at 2,097 pounds per acre, 107 pounds less than last year.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION HIGHEST SINCE 1948

Cotton production in the state is forecast at 650,000 bales, more than double the 1990 production and the highest in 43 years. Area for harvest, at 456,000 acres, is the largest acreage for harvest since 1955. Yield per acre is forecast at 684 pounds, up 53 pounds from 1990 and is only 15 pounds below the record set in 1982.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17.6 million bales, up 14 percent from last year's production and 45 percent above the 1989 crop. If realized, this will be the largest all cotton production since 1937. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 17.2 million bales, while Pima production will total 424,600 bales, 18 percent above last year's production.

Planted area, at 14.1 million acres, is up 14 percent from last year and is the largest acreage since 1981. Growers expect to harvest 13.4 million acres, up 15 percent from 1990. Yield is expected to average 630 pounds per acre, down four pounds from last year.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION UP 18 PERCENT

North Carolina corn production is forecast at 85.5 million bushels, up 18 percent from 1990. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 950,000 acres, 11 percent less than last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 90 bushels, 22 bushels more than a year earlier.

The first forecast of the 1991 U.S. corn for grain crop is 7.42 billion bushels, six percent below last year's crop.

The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at 107.8 bushels, down 10.7 bushels from last year's yield. The area to be harvested for grain, at 68.8 million acres, is three percent above 1990 but virtually unchanged from the June acreage estimate.

Excellent planting conditions in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio allowed corn crops in those states to get a good start, but lack of rainfall during June and July reduced yields from last year by 22, 31, and 23 bushels per acre, respectively. The Iowa crop was planted late due to spring rains, but has suffered from dry conditions since then reducing yield 14 bushels from 1990.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP FOUR PERCENT

North Carolina soybean production is forecast at 33.8 million bushels, four percent more than last year. The yield per acre forecast at 26 bushels, is two bushels above last year's yield. Acreage for harvest is down four percent to 1.3 million.

The first U.S. forecast of the 1991 crop is estimated at 1.87 billion bushels, down three percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 31.8 bushels per acre, 2.2 bushels below 1990.

Yields are expected to decline in most areas except North Dakota, Texas, and the southeast. Yields in the eastern corn belt are anticipated to be down due to dry conditions during June and July. Yields across the southeastern states were generally up from 1990 levels due to more favorable weather conditions this summer.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 1991

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
		Thousand				*Thousand*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	30	35	53	47	1,590	1,645
Oats, grain	Bu.	40	45	61	62	2,440	2,790
Wheat, grain	Bu.	550	500	41	40	22,550	20,000
Corn, grain	Bu.	1,070	950	68	90	72,760	85,500
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	200	456 [3]	631	684	263	650
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	164	164	2,900	3,000	475,600	492,000
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	40	25	46	55	1,840	1,375
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,300	24	26	32,400	33,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	106	104	2,090	2,130	221,540	221,520
Type 12	Lb.	135	131	2,370	2,350	319,950	307,850
Type 13	Lb.	35	35	2,290	2,230	80,150	78,050
Type 11-13	Lb.	276	270	2,252	2,250	621,640	607,420
Type 31	Lb.	8.2	8.9	2,195	2,000	17,999	17,800
All	Lb.	284.2	278.9	2,251	2,242	639,639	625,220
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	30	40	2.90	3.00	87	120
Other	Ton	440	480	2.10	2.20	924	1,056
All	Ton	470	520	2.15	2.26	1,011	1,176
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples	Lb.	15,000	[4]	15,300	[4]	230,000	320,000
Grapes	Ton	600	[4]	2.50	[4]	1.5	1.8
Peaches [1]	Lb.	4,200	[4]	2,380	[4]	10,000	35,000
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	16,200	17,000	200	175	3,240	2,975
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,400	100	90	140	126
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	17,600	18,400	192	169	3,380	3,101
Pasture Conditions	%			68	79		

UNITED STATES

		Thousand				*Million*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	7,499	8,429	55.9	55.8	418.9	470.0
Oats, grain	Bu.	5,940	4,972	60.1	52.2	357.1	260.0
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	49,976	39,549	40.7	34.7	2,033.3	1,371.9
All	Bu.	69,353	58,137	39.5	35.0	2,738.6	2,033.0
Corn, grain	Bu.	66,952	68,790	118.5	107.8	7,933.1	7,417.5
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	11,504.5	13,205.3	632	626	15.1	17.2
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,809.5	1,963.5	1,991	2,596	3,602.8	5,098.2
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,079	9,743	62.9	57.9	571.5	564.5
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	56,502	58,733	34.0	31.8	1,921.8	1,868.8
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	416.9	406.9	2,253	2,223	939.2	904.6
Type 31	Lb.	270.6	309.5	2,204	2,097	596.3	648.9
All	Lb.	732.7	764.3	2,218	2,150	1,625.1	1,643.7
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	25,401	25,401	3.29	3.34	83.6	86.3
Other	Ton	36,156	37,289	1.75	1.89	63.4	70.6
All	Ton	61,557	63,134	2.39	2.48	147.0	156.9
Fruit:							
Apples	Lb.	485	[4]	20,000	[4]	9,696.8	10,056.0
Grapes	Ton	742.6	[4]	7.62	[4]	5.7	5.3
Peaches	Lb.	185.5	[4]	11,900	[4]	2,205.2	2,545.0
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	95.1	87.4	254	233	24.2	20.4
Summer	Cwt.	96.0	98.3	240	235	23.0	23.1
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	191.1	185.7	247	234	47.2	43.5
Pasture Conditions	%			73	76		

[1] *Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.* [2] *Production in 480-lb. bales.* [3] *Planted revised to 460.* [4] *Released 1/17/92.*

SUMMER POTATO CROP DOWN TEN PERCENT

The summer potato crop is forecast at 126,000 cwt., down ten percent from last year but the same as the 1989 crop. Area for harvest is forecast at 1,400 acres this year, the same as 1990. Yield per acre is set at 90 cwt., down ten cwt. from last year.

U.S. production of summer potatoes is forecast at 23.1 million cwt. The August forecast is one percent above July, slightly above last year, and four percent above 1989. Farmers expect to harvest 98,300 acres during the summer season, an increase of two percent from a year earlier. The average yield, however, is expected to decline two percent.

GRAPE PRODUCTION UP 20 PERCENT

Grape production in North Carolina is forecast at 1,800 tons or 20 percent above last year's production.

The production for all grapes in the U.S. is 5.27 million tons, seven percent less than last year and 11 percent less than the 1989 crop.

PEANUT CROP UP THREE PERCENT

Peanut production in the Tar Heel State is forecast at 492.0 million pounds, up three percent from last year's production of 475.6 million pounds. Area for harvest, at 164,000 acres, is unchanged from 1990. The average yield per acre is forecast at 3,000 pounds, 100 pounds or three percent higher than the 1990 average.

U.S. production is forecast at a record high 5.10 billion pounds, up 42 percent from last year and a 28 percent increase from 1989. The previous record high production was 4.41 billion pounds in 1984. Harvested area, estimated at 1.96 million acres, up 9 percent from last year, is the largest acreage for harvest since 1951 when 1.98 million acres were harvested. Yields are expected to average 2,596 pounds per harvested acre, 605 pounds above 1990 and 170 pounds higher than 1989.

PEANUT STOCKS FOR UNITED STATES DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage for the nation totaled 852 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 970 million pounds last year. This total includes 66.2 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 731 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 54.8 million pounds. There were no commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of June 30, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 549 million pounds of which 493 million pounds were edible grades and 56.0 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 190 million pounds; Runners, 261 million pounds; and Spanish, 42.8 million pounds.

APPLE PRODUCTION UP 39 PERCENT

Commercial apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 320 million pounds, a 39 percent increase from last year's freeeze reduced crop.

The nation's apple crop is expected to total 10.1 billion pounds, up one percent from the July 1 forecast and four percent greater than the 1990 crop.

Production in the eastern states is forecast at 3.02 billion pounds, down three percent from the July 1 forecast, but 21 percent above the 1990 output. Crop expectations have been reduced from last month in New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and North Carolina. Unusually dry conditions, combined with a season that is one to three weeks earlier than normal, lowered the chances for fruit to reach optimum size, especially for early varieties. Prospects improved, however, in Maine and Virginia.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, JULY 1991			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	JULY 1990	APRIL 1991	JULY 1991
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein ...	220.00	211.00	196.00	216.00	209.00	203.00
38-42% Protein ...	303.00	304.00	297.00	303.00	295.00	297.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	178.00	168.00	178.00	181.00	178.00	172.00
18% Protein	189.00	177.00	188.00	192.00	187.00	183.00
20% Protein	187.00	182.00	188.00	191.00	189.00	183.00
32% Protein	257.00	241.00	289.00	283.00	278.00	274.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein ...	252.00	271.00	271.00	250.00	249.00	245.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter.....	244.00	197.00	235.00	234.00	222.00	218.00
Broiler Grower ...	197.00	202.00	238.00	221.00	209.00	202.00
Laying Feed.....	178.00	182.00	217.00	206.00	195.00	189.00
Turkey Grower ...	214.00	225.00	230.00	240.00	237.00	227.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran.....	11.00	9.90	9.70	10.80	10.80	10.60
Middlings.....	9.10	7.80	8.90	9.65	9.39	9.01
Corn Meal.....	8.10	8.20	6.30	7.62	7.44	7.38
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	13.90	13.00	15.10	14.70	14.00	13.80
Soybean Meal 44%	13.20	12.60	11.60	13.20	12.70	12.70

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		July 1990	June 1991	July 1991	July 1990	June 1991	July 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Corn	Bu.	3.16	2.67	2.54	2.62	2.31	2.23
Oats.....	Bu.	-	-	-	1.15	1.08	1.11
Soybeans	Bu.	6.05	5.59	5.28	5.97	5.55	5.20
Hogs, All	Cwt.	58.00	52.20	50.70	60.80	54.70	53.90
Milk Cows	Hd.	1100.00	-	1120.00	1170.00	-	1090.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.355	.295	.310	.363	.314	.326
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.390	.390	.400	.391	.397	.400
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.444	.437	.549	.472	.496	.562
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.70	13.00	13.20	14.00	11.40	11.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	5.25	10.70	7.85	9.97	8.18	8.11
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.203	.242	.248
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	83.60	71.60	70.60

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in July 1991 was $2.54 per bushel, down 13 cents from a month earlier. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.28 per bushel, was down 31 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in July, at $50.70 per hundredweight, was down $1.50 from June and $7.30 below a year ago. Broilers, at 31.0 cents per pound, were up 1.5 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 40.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 54.9 cents per dozen, were up 11.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.20 per hundredweight, was up 20 cents from a month earlier but $2.50 below the previous year. Irish potatoes, at $7.85 per hundredweight, were down $2.85 from a month earlier.

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NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The July 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 247% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from June. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for broilers, turkeys, eggs, and milk. The index was 7 points above a year earlier.

The July 1991 "All Crops" index, at 257, was down 2 points from a month earlier but 21 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for July 1991, at 228, was up 8 points from June but 18 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for July 1991, at 292, was down 7 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 203, was up 18 points from a month earlier. The dairy index, at 206, was up 3 points from a month earlier.

CATFISH GROWER SURVEY

Commercial catfish operations had 227 million food size fish on hand July 1, 1991, up 15% from the July 1, 1990 total of 199 million. Of the total number of food size fish, 4.07 million were large food size (over 3 pounds per fish), 48.2 million were medium food size (1 1/2 to 3 pounds per fish), and 175 million were small food size fish (3/4 to 1 1/2 pounds per fish). Catfish producers had 1.53 million broodfish on hand July 1, 1991, up 6% from the 1.44 million on hand July 1, 1990. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 1991, totaled 642 million fish, up 40% from the 457 million on hand July 1, 1990. Of the total number of stockers, 273 million were large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 370 million were small stockers (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 1.79 billion fingerlings on hand July 1, 1991, up 3% from the 1.73 billion fingerlings on hand July 1, 1990.

CATFISH: TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT OF FISH, JULY 1

State	Large Food Size		Medium Food Size		Small Food Size		Stockers		Fingerling/Fry	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousand Pounds						*Thousand Pounds*			
N.C.	225	460	231	638	586	926	440	426	99	68
AL	1,566	1,504	9,325	8,197	13,848	14,837	17,326	13,110	1,913	4,797
AR	852	2,019	8,437	11,084	18,501	21,894	13,340	14,936	3,002	2,402
FL	206	112	215	207	570	827	593	304	120	120
IL	167	62	101	103	79	102	110	79	[1]	[1]
KY	[1]	[1]	223	252	158	134	[1]	[1]	55	47
LA	1,080	811	7,105	9,067	14,870	12,948	14,500	4,179	1,175	2,313
MS	4,555	7,624	27,191	56,145	101,902	107,895	113,301	103,896	8,154	10,294
MO	205	230	660	1,024	569	1,104	1,979	1,095	478	289
OK	130	225	300	180	230	155	380	189	68	53
SC	37	95	43	430	1,570	1,650	610	735	139	213
TN	33	160	63	135	69	97	56	38	[1]	[1]
TX	155	473	1,077	740	127	6,194	356	1,392	1,065	123
OTHER [2]	339	440	992	1,714	704	1,749	865	1,434	271	277
TOTAL	9,550	14,215	55,963	89,916	153,783	170,512	163,856	141,813	16,539	20,996

[1] *Data not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations. Data included with other states.* [2] *Inlcudes Ca, Ca, Id, Ks and Ky.*

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TURKEYS RAISED UP NORTH CAROLINA LEADS NATION

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised for the United States in 1991 is 288 million head, 2% above the 282 million head raised a year ago.

North Carolina is expected to lead the nation again with 58.8 million birds, up 1% from 1990. Minnesota ranks second with 46.0 million birds, down 1% and followed by California with 30.0 million birds, 5% below last year. Arkansas is next with 22.5 million, up 2% and followed by Missouri's 21.0 million, 17% above last year. These five states account for over 60% of the nation's output.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

The turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 1991, totaled 34.1 million, 2% below a year earlier. The 28.8 million poults placed during July 1991 in the United States were 1% below the placements during the same month a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 254 million eggs during July 1991, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 150 million table eggs and 104 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 4% while hatching eggs decreased 1% from 1990. The average number of layers on hand during July was 13.0 million, up 4% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.2 million layers for table eggs and 5.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.84 billion during July 1991, up 2% from the 5.70 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.02 billion table eggs, 747 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 66.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during July averaged 271 million, up 2% from a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,152 eggs, compared with 2,142 in July 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 1991, totaled 271 million, up 2% from a year ago. The 271 million layers consisted of 229 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 39.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1991, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from last year's 69.2 eggs per 100 layers.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED [1]

STATE	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		Percent
North Carolina	**58,000**	**58,800**	**101**
Arkansas	22,000	22,500	102
California	31,500	30,000	95
Minnesota	46,300	46,000	99
Missouri	18,000	21,000	117
Virginia	17,000	18,200	107
UNITED STATES	282,450	287,500	102

[1] *1990 Revised. 1991 Preliminary based on turkeys placed September 1, 1990 through August 31, 1991. Excludes young turkeys lost.*

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators August 1			Poults Placed During July [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**11,020**	**11,644**	**106**	**9,767**	**9,401**	**96**
East North Central	4,575	4,581	100	3,382	3,511	104
West North Central	10,760	9,763	91	8,049	8,580	107
South Central	3,570	3,310	93	3,064	3,116	102
West	5,064	4,834	95	4,738	4,206	89
UNITED STATES	34,989	34,132	98	29,000	28,814	99

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	9,717	10,993	113	4,222	5,983	142
East North Central	4,820	5,315	110	7,944	7,751	98
West North Central	9,703	9,070	93	3,772	4,769	126
South Atlantic	176,862	179,761	102	4,618	4,648	101
South Central	218,574	231,161	106	2,850	3,812	134
West	23,110	22,417	97	4,502	4,069	90
UNITED STATES	442,786	458,717	104	27,908	31,032	111

EGG PRODUCTION — JULY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		Millions Eggs					
North Carolina	**12,510**	**12,988**	**249**	**254**	**144**	**150**	**105**	**104**
Alabama	9,215	9,318	180	179	78	71	102	108
Florida	10,125	9,743	212	213	193	194	19	19
Georgia	16,854	17,561	351	348	230	220	121	128
South Carolina	5,485	5,391	119	120	109	108	10	12
UNITED STATES	266,130	271,135	5,703	5,835	4,904	5,022	799	813

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

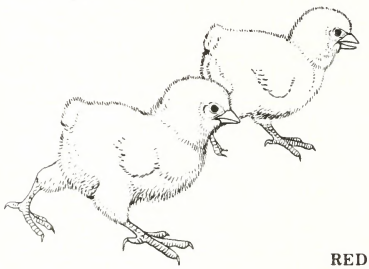
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 34.7 million, up 10% from July 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.0 million on August 1, 1991, up 11% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 213,000 during July 1991, down 34% from July 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — JULY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,284	796	62
Florida	1,957	1,939	99
Georgia	888	1,382	156
Indiana	5,938	6,125	103
Iowa	2,050	2,575	126
Kansas	206	201	98
Minnesota	1,435	1,710	119
Missouri	675	515	76
Pennsylvania	3,219	4,176	130
Other States [1]	13,930	15,324	110
UNITED STATES	31,582	34,743	110

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.*



BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 53.0 million broiler chicks during July 1991, up slightly from the 52.8 million a year ago.

Nationally, the July 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 561 million, was 4% above July of last year. There were 459 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 1991, up 4% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.67 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 1991, up 5% from July 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — JULY

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**52,767**	**52,952**	**100**
Alabama	84,030	88,154	105
Arkansas	92,876	95,998	103
Delaware	15,812	15,590	99
Florida	11,329	11,951	105
Georgia	79,273	80,171	101
Maryland	32,589	32,038	98
Mississippi	35,846	38,308	107
Pennsylvania	10,793	10,821	100
South Carolina	7,116	8,478	119
Texas	33,403	34,052	102
Virginia	14,974	17,541	117
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	29,279	30,481	104
Washington & Oregon	5,622	5,526	98
Other States [1]	36,650	39,362	107
UNITED STATES	542,359	561,423	104
15 STATES [2]	500,087	516,535	103

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.* [2] *States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U.S. total.*

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during July 1991 totaled 52.6 million pounds, up 30% from a year ago. Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.25 billion pounds, 5% above a year earlier.

In comparing July 1991 with July 1990 for the United States: Beef production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 3% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.84 million, down 1%. The average live weight increased 35 pounds to 1,160. Veal production, at 22.0 million pounds was down 13%. Calf slaughter totaled 110,500 head, down 23%. The average live weight increased 57 pounds to 339. Pork production, at 1.21 billion pounds, was up 9% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 6.73 million head, also up 9% from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 250. The lamb and mutton production at 28.0 million pounds, was up 1% from last year. Slaughter totaled 450,600 head, also up 1%. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 122.

January-July red meat production was 22.4 billion pounds, up 1% from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was down 1% and veal was down 4%, while pork was up 3% and lamb and mutton was up fractionally.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, June - July, 1991 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	JUNE	JULY	JUNE	JULY
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**30**	**71**	**4.90**	**4.96**
New York	36	33	5.67	5.81
Pennsylvania	29	35	5.35	5.62
Florida	33	45	6.04	6.35
Michigan	30	48	5.74	5.45
Wisconsin	41	35	4.83	4.34
Texas	55	56	5.52	4.88
New Mexico	6	9	4.75	4.65
Oregon	34	43	5.50	5.75
Washington	58	49	5.95	5.80
California	214	210	6.03	6.23

[1] *Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. June survey week June 9-15, 1991 and July survey week July 7-13, 1991.* [2] *Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.*

JULY WORKER NUMBERS DOWN SLIGHTLY

There were 3.68 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 7-13, 1991. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.58 million of the total workers, along with 611 thousand unpaid workers, and 1.12 million workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 374 thousand workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $5.57 per hour during the July 1991 survey week. This rate was up 27 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.35 per hour compared with $5.06 last July. Field workers received an average of $5.26 per hour, up 21 cents from the July 1990 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.16 compared with $4.90 per hour a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 41.9 hours, 1.2 hours more than the comparable week in 1990. Unpaid workers averaged 39.3 hours, 1.4 hours above last year. Hired employees worked 40.2 hours, 0.3 tenths of an hour more than in July of last year.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 38 percent of the hired workers during the survey week. This compared with 43 percent last year.

WORKERS ON FARMS, JULY 7-13, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**210**	**171**	**91**	**78**	**26**	**19**	**93**	**74**	**36**	**26**	**57**	**48**
Appalachian II	209	211	144	142	28	31	37	38	21	16	16	22
Southeast	164	158	76	83	26	13	62	62	32	31	30	31
U.S. (49 States)	3,308	3,335	1,581	1,624	611	605	1,116	1,106	697	650	419	456

[1] Survey period in 1990 was July 8-14. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JULY 7-13, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**4.69**	**4.40**	**5.50**	**4.87**	**8.04**	**6.48**	[4]	[4]	**4.75**	**4.36**	**5.73**	**5.41**	**6.08**	**5.14**
Appalachian II	4.94	4.75	5.04	4.82	[4]	8.28	[4]	[4]	5.03	4.85	[4]	[4]	5.55	5.25
Southeast	4.37	4.10	5.39	5.05	10.21	7.43	6.58	[4]	4.73	4.24	4.51	[4]	6.00	5.39
U.S. (49 States)	5.26	5.05	5.16	4.90	8.56	7.93	7.74	7.32	5.35	5.06	6.20	6.13	6.03	5.75

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1990 was July 8-14. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], JULY 7-13, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**31.9**	**33.8**	**31.2**	**35.1**	**31.7**	**34.8**	**4.96**	**4.60**
Appalachian II	27.5	26.2	30.6	30.9	33.6	29.7	5.12	4.98
Southeast	35.0	29.3	42.3	35.5	36.1	33.5	4.97	4.45
U.S. (49 States)	41.9	40.7	39.3	37.9	40.2	39.9	5.57	5.30

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1990 was July 8-14. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during July 1991 totaled 116 million pounds, down 4% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 97,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,200 pounds was down 10 pounds from July 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during July totaled 10.5 billion pounds, 2% less than production in these same states in July 1990. June revised production, at 10.6 billion pounds, was 1% below June 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,254 for July, 6 pounds less than July 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.38 million head, 14,000 head less than June 1991 and 112,000 head less than July 1990.

MILK PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds		1991 As % of 1990
					1990	1991	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**100**	**97**	**1,210**	**1,200**	**121**	**116**	**96**
Florida	178	178	1,090	1,050	194	187	96
Maryland	101	101	1,090	1,130	110	114	104
Virginia	140	140	1,145	1,145	160	160	100
21 STATES	8,487	8,375	1,260	1,254	10,691	10,505	98

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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MUSHROOM PRODUCTION AND VALUE CONTINUE TO INCREASE

U.S. total mushroom production increased 5% during 1990-91 to 756 million pounds. The value of the mushroom crop increased 1% to $671 million. This increase in value is despite lower prices for both fresh and processed mushrooms. Growers received an average of 88.8 cents per pound, down 3.7 cents from the previous season. The number of growers decreased slightly to 460.

Shiitake sales totaled 3.90 million pound, 4% above last season. This production grew on 315,000 natural wood outdoor logs, 299,000 natural wood undercover, and indoor logs, and 1.14 million square feet of indoor growing area. The value of sales was $16.3 million or $4.17 per pound. If grower's 1991-92 intentions are carried out, the number of Shiitake natural wood outdoor logs in production will decrease 12%, the number of natural wood undercover and indoor logs will drop 2%, and the square feet of other production area will increase 6%.

The above figures for Shiitake and total mushroom production include North Carolina. State estimates are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. SHIITAKE MUSHROOM PRODUCTION AND SALES, JULY 1 - JUNE 30 [1]

YEAR	AREA		
	NATURAL WOOD OUTDOOR LOGS	NATURAL WOOD UNDERCOVER AND INDOOR LOGS	ALL OTHER PRODUCTION MEDIA
	1,000		*1,000 sq. feet*
1989 - 90	484	541	1,042
1990 - 91	315	299	1,142

YEAR	SALES			
	TOTAL PRODUCTION [2]	VOLUME OF SALES [3]	PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF SALES
	1,000 Pounds		*Dollars*	*1,000 Dollars*
1989 - 90	3,968	3,754	4.43	16,616
1990 - 91	4,057	3,902	4.17	16,265

[1] Statistics represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs or commercial indoor growing area. [2] Total production includes all fresh market and processing sales plus amount harvested but not sold (shrinkage, cullage, dumped, etc.) [3] Virtually all exotic mushroom sales are for fresh market.

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GENERAL SITUATION

In general, crop conditions remain good throughout the state. There has been some damage to the burley tobacco and peanut crops due to the excess rainfall received over the last couple of months. Most areas are beginning to dry out with the recent mild weather enabling harvest percents and phenological stages to progress rapidly. As of Septetmer 8, 1991, corn for grain harvest was 27% completed compared to the average of 17%. The soybean crop is rated in good condition and harvest should begin in the next week or two. The tobacco harvests are ahead of normal with the flue-cured 75% completed and burley 52% harvested. As of September 8, the cotton crop was rated 34% fair, 63% good and 3% excellent.

N.C. FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION DOWN THREE PERCENT

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 601 million pounds, one percent less than the previous forecast and three percent less than last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,224 pounds, 28 pounds below last year's average and 26 pounds less than the outlook a month ago. Area for harvest is estimated at 270,000 acres, two percent less than in 1990. Excessive rainfall during the past two months has delayed harvest.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to reach 898 million pounds, down four percent from a year ago and one percent below last month's forecast. Yield per acre, at 2,206 pounds is down 47 pounds from last year's average yield. Acres for harvest are off two percent from 1990.

South Carolina's harvest was active during August, though scattered showers interrupted several times. By the first of September, harvest was 87 percent complete compared with 81 percent last year and the 5-year average of 82 percent.

In Georgia, harvest was completed the last week of August, about a week ahead of normal. Rainfall during the month was above normal, but drier than July.

Virginia growers were half finished with their harvest by September 1 and marketing was heavy. There are pockets of drought affected fields but overall the crop came through the May-July dry weather in good condition. Seasonal rains through August filled out leaves and improved quality.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, September 1, 1991

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N. C.	**11**	**98.0**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**1,945**	**2,090**	**2,200**	**190,610**	**221,540**	**228,800**
N. C.	**12**	**127.0**	**135.0**	**131.0**	**2,090**	**2,370**	**2,250**	**265,430**	**319,950**	**294,750**
N. C.	**13**	**34.0**	**35.0**	**35.0**	**2,120**	**2,290**	**2,200**	**72,080**	**80,150**	**77,000**
N. C.	**11-13**	**259.0**	**276.0**	**270.0**	**2,039**	**2,252**	**2,224**	**528,120**	**621,640**	**600,550**
Va.	11	37.0	40.0	38.0	1,935	2,120	2,100	71,595	84,800	79,800
S. C.	13	48.0	51.0	51.0	2,160	2,155	2,250	103,680	109,905	114,750
Ga.	14	40.0	43.0	41.0	2,180	2,415	2,100	87,200	103,845	86,100
Fla.	14	6.7	6.9	6.9	2,660	2,760	2,400	17,755	19,044	16,560
U. S.	11-14	390.7	416.9	406.9	2,069	2,253	2,206	808,350	939,234	897,760

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION DOWN EIGHT PERCENT

Burley tobacco production is expected to total 16.5 million pounds, eight percent less than a month earlier and nine percent less than last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at 1,850 pounds, 345 pounds below last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 8,900 acres, nine percent more than a year ago.

U.S. burley output is expected to total 643 million pounds, eight percent above a year ago but one percent below the forecast of August 1. The change from last year reflects a 14 percent acreage increase but the average yield is expected to be 126 pounds per acre less than in 1990. The decline from a month ago is the result of lower yield expectations. The yield per acre is now expected to average 2,078 pounds compared with the forecast of 2,097 pounds on August 1 and 2,204 pounds realized for last year's crop.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION DOWN 18 PERCENT

Corn production in the state is forecast at 85.5 million bushels, same as the previous forecast but 18 percent more than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 90 bushels, 22 bushels more than the 1990 average. Area for grain harvest is estimated at 950,000 acres, 11 percent less than last year.

U.S. production of corn for grain is forecast at 7.30 billion bushels, down two percent from last month and eight percent below the 1990 crop. The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at 106.1 bushels, down 1.7 bushels from last month and 12.4 bushels below the 1990 average yield.

The area harvested and to be harvested for grain, at 68.7 million acres is down slightly from August. The only decline is in Ohio, which lowered the expected acreage for grain by 50,000 acres. The drought conditions in Indiana and Ohio continued to reduce expected yields. Unfavorable growing conditions also lowered yield expectations in Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

By the first of September, 29 percent of the crop was mature, compared with eight percent last year and a 23 percent average. Corn harvest continued in the South and was getting underway in Illinois and Indiana.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1991

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	30	35	53	47	1,590	1,645
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	40	45	61	62	2,440	2,790
Wheat, grain [1]	Bu.	550	500	41	40	22,550	20,000
Corn, grain	Bu.	1,070	950	68	90	72,760	85,500
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	200	456	631	674	263	640
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	164	164	2,900	2,800	475,600	459,200
Sorghum, grain [1]	Bu.	40	25	46	55	1,840	1,375
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,300	24	26	32,400	33,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	106	104	2,090	2,200	221,540	228,800
Type 12	Lb.	135	131	2,370	2,250	319,950	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	35	35	2,290	2,200	80,150	77,000
Type 11-13	Lb.	276	270	2,252	2,224	621,640	600,550
Type 31	Lb.	8.2	8.9	2,195	1,850	17,999	16,465
All	Lb.	284.2	278.9	2,251	2,212	639,639	617,015
Hay: Alfalfa [1]	Ton	30	40	2.9	3.0	87	120
Other [1]	Ton	440	480	2.1	2.2	924	1,056
All [1]	Ton	470	520	2.15	2.26	1,011	1,176
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1]	Lb.	15,000	[3]	15,300	[3]	230,000	320,000
Grapes [1]	Ton	600	[3]	2.5	[3]	1.5	1.8
Peaches [1]	Lb.	4,200	[3]	2,380	[3]	10,000	35,000
Nuts: Pecans, All	Lb.	-	-	-	-	400	2,500
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	16,200	17,000	200	175	3,240	2,975
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,400	100	110	140	154
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	17,600	18,400	192	170	3,380	3,129
Pasture Conditions	%			74	91		
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Million*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	7,499	8,429	55.9	55.5	418.9	467.9
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	5,940	4,972	60.1	52.2	357.1	260.0
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	49,976	39,549	40.7	34.7	2,033.3	1,371.9
All	Bu.	69,353	58,137	39.5	34.6	2,738.6	2,012.5
Corn, grain	Bu.	66,952	68,740	118.5	106.1	7,933.1	7,295.1
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	11,504.5	13,205.3	632	634	15.1	17.4
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,809.5	1,963.5	1,991	2,558	3,602.8	5,023.2
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,079	9,743	62.9	56.2	571.5	547.7
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	56,502	58,633	34.0	31.0	1,921.8	1,816.8
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	416.9	406.9	2,253	2,206	939.2	897.8
Type 31	Lb.	270.6	309.5	2,204	2,078	596.3	643.0
All	Lb.	732.7	764.3	2,218	2,134	1,625.1	1,631.3
Hay: Alfalfa [1]	Ton	25,401	25,845	3.29	3.34	83.6	86.2
Other [1]	Ton	36,156	37,289	1.75	1.89	63.4	70.6
All [1]	Ton	61,557	53,134	2.39	2.48	147.0	156.9
Fruits:							
Apples [1]	Lb.	485	[3]	20,000	[3]	9,696.8	10,056.0
Grapes	Ton	742.6	[3]	7.62	[3]	5.7	5.3
Peaches [1]	Lb.	185.5	[3]	11,900	[3]	2,205.2	2,545
Nuts: Pecans, All	Lb.	-	-	-	-	205.0	292.0
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	95.1	87.4	254	233	24.2	20.4
Summer	Cwt.	96.0	98.1	240	236	23.0	23.1
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	191.1	185.5	247	235	47.2	43.5
Pasture Conditions	%			71	72		

[1] *Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.* [2] *Production in 480-lb. bales.* [3] *1991 estimate released 1/17/92.*

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION HIGHEST SINCE 1948

Cotton production in the Tar Heel State is forecast at 640,000 bales, two percent less than a month earlier but more than double last year's crop. This would be the largest crop since 1948 when 678,000 bales were produced. This 1991 production ranks seventh in the United States while the 1990 production was twelfth. Yield per acre is expected to average 674 pounds, 43 pounds more than the 1990 average and is only 25 pounds below the record set in 1982. Area for harvest, at 456,000 acres, is the largest acreage for harvest since 1955.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17.9 million bales, up one percent from the August 1 forecast and 15 percent above last year's production. At this level, the crop remains the largest all cotton production since 1937, when 18.9 million bales were produced. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 17.4 million bales, while Pima production will total 422,600 bales.

Growers expect to harvest 13.4 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up 15 percent from 1990. Yield is expected to average 638 pounds per harvested acres, 8 pounds above the August forecast and 4 pounds above last year.

N.C. SOYBEAN CROP UP FOUR PERCENT

Soybean production in North Carolina is forecast at 33.8 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's forecast but four percent more than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 26 bushels, two bushels above last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.30 million acres, four percent less than last year. About 88 percent of the acreage was setting pods as of September 8, compared with 82 percent a year earlier and the average of 78 percent.

U.S. production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels as of September 1, three percent below the August 1 forecast and five percent below 1990. Yield is estimated at 31.0 bushels per acre, 0.8 bushel below August 1 and 3.0 bushels below 1990. Harvested acres are estimated at 58.6 million acres, 100 thousand acres below the August 1 level.

Yields were generally down from last month in the Corn Belt, with the largest declines in the western Corn Belt states as August temperatures were above normal and rainfall was light. In the eastern Corn Belt, pod weights are expected to be lighter than normal. In the southern Mississippi Delta states, favorable August moisture increased yield potential. The Southeast and Atlantic Coast states were mostly unchanged from the August 1, forecast.

Minnesota's harvested acreage was reduced 100 thousand from last month based on abandonment of drowned out fields.

N.C. PEANUT PRODUCTION DOWN THREE PERCENT

Peanut production in North Carolina is forecast at 459 million pounds, down seven percent from the prediction a month earlier and three percent from the 1990 crop of 476 million pounds. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,800 pounds, down 100 pounds from last year's average. Area for harvest is estimated at 164,000 acres, the same as last year.

U.S. production is forecast at a record high 5.02 billion pounds, down one percent from the August 1 forecast but up 39 percent from last year. Excessively wet conditions and disease during the previous month combined to lower expectations. Harvested area, estimated at 1.96 million acres, is nine percent above last year. Yields are expected to average 2,558 pounds per harvested acre, down 38 pounds from last month but up 567 pounds from 1990.

Production in the southeastern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) is expected to total 3.37 billion pounds. This total is two percent below August 1 but up 69 percent from 1990. Yield for the 4-state area is expected to average 2,676 pounds per acre, 914 pounds more than last year's drought stricken yields. In Georgia, disease pressure has been greater than normal, lowering expected yields from last month despite generally favorable weather. Irrigation of late planted peanuts was necessary in some areas. This state's crop acreage was rated four percent poor, 21 percent fair, 73 percent good and two excellent as of September 1. By September 1, seven percent of Alabama's acreage was dug and two percent was combined.

The Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 738 million pounds, down four percent from last month and down six percent from last year. Yield per harvested acre, at 2,837 pounds, is 173 pounds below last year's average.

North Carolina's crop suffered from surplus soil moisture during the month. Disease problems are occurring in both states.

N.C. SUMMER POTATO CROP UP TEN PERCENT

The summer crop of Irish potatoes in North Carolina is forecast at 154,000 cwt., 22 percent more than the August 1 forecast and ten percent more than last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 110 cwt., 10 cwt. more than last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 1,400 acres, same as in 1990.

The final U.S. forecast of summer potato production rests at 23.1 million cwt., up slightly from last year and virtually the same as last month. With the season practically over, farmers expect to harvest 98,100 acres, an increase of two percent from a year earlier. Yield per acre at 236 cwt. is down four cwt. from last year.

PEANUT STOCKS FOR UNITED STATE DOWN TWO PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 683 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 701 million pounds last year. This total includes 41.6 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 601 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 40.6 million pounds. There were no commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of July 31, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 452 million pounds of which 386 million pounds were edible grades and 66.0 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 153 million pounds; Runners, 201 million pounds; and Spanish, 31.5 million pounds.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The August 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 237% of its 1967 base, was down 10 points from July. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, and eggs. The index was 3 points below a year earlier.

The August 1991 "All Crops" index, at 246, was down 11 points from the previous month but 6 points above the previous year. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for August 1991, at 221, was down 10 points from the previous year.

Meat Animals index for August 1991, at 279, was down 20 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 194, was down 9 points. The dairy index, at 215, was up 6 points from a month ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Aug. 15 1989 [1]	Aug. 15 1990 [1]	July 15 1991 [1]	Aug. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	237	240	247	237
All Crops	242	240	257	246
Tobacco	244	245	270	252
Oil Bearing	244	249	262	261
Grains	199	200	182	180
Commercial Vegetables	274	203	172	194
Fruits	280	305	333	338
Livestock and Livestock Products	229	239	231	221
Meat Animals	259	298	299	279
Poultry	213	204	203	194
Dairy	231	256	209	215
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	264	276	274	266
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	382	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	72	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.

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N.C. PECAN PRODUCTION UP SHARPLY

North Carolina's pecan crop is expected to total 2.5 million pounds, up sharply from last year's short crop of 400,000 pounds and up sharply from the short crop of 700,000 pounds in 1989.

The September 1 forecast for the U.S. pecan crop is 292 million pounds (in-shell basis), 42 percent above last year's production and 17 percent above the 1989 crop.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in August 1991 was $1.655 per pound, up 5.0 cents from the $1.605 received a year ago. Prices received for corn at $2.46 per bushel were down 4 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.49 per bushel, were down 7 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in August, at $47.90 per hundredweight, were down $4.90 from July and $5.00 from a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound, were down 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 41.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 50.2 cents per dozen, were down 4.7 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.80 per hundredweight, was up 40 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 21.3 cents per pound, were 3.5 cents above the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Aug. 1990	July 1991	Aug. 1991	Aug. 1990	July 1991	Aug. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.605	-	1.655	1.605	-	1.655
Corn	Bu.	2.75	2.50	2.46	2.51	2.28	2.34
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.06	1.08	1.15
Soybeans	Bu.	6.24	5.56	5.49	6.00	5.36	5.31
Hogs, All	Cwt.	52.90	52.80	47.90	55.90	54.20	49.90
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.310	.310	.300	.326	.326	.323
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.420	.400	.410	.402	.400	.407
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.550	.549	.502	.581	.562	.555
Milk, All	Cwt.	16.40	13.40	13.80	14.20	11.80	12.10
Potatoes	Cwt.	11.70	7.85	12.00	8.21	8.05	5.88
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	17.8	-	.213	.223	.248	.246
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	83.40	70.60	71.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

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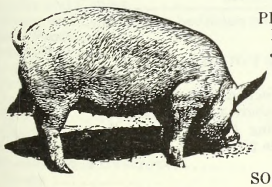
HOG NUMBERS UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms September 1, 1991, totaled 3,400,000 head, up 26% from a year earlier and 8% above the June 1 record high inventory. Breeding stock, at 410,000 head, is up 28% and market hogs, at 2,990,000 head, are 26% above a year ago. North Carolina ranks sixth nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs. The state's pig crop during the June-August period totaled 1,557,000 head, 27% above the same months last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.65 head compared to 8.20 during June-August last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 200,000 sows during each of the next two quarters—September-November and December-February. If these expectations are realized, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 75,000 head or 23% over the same period last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the **United States** September 1, 1991 is estimated at 59.3 million head. This number is 6% above a year ago. Breeding inventory, at 7.27 million head, is 7% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 52.0 million head, up 6% from last year. The June - August pig crop was 24.5 million head, 8% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter was 7.88 compared to 7.90 during the same period in 1990. Expected farrowings for the September - November period totaled 3.07 million sows, up 8% from last year. December 1991 through February 1992 farrowings are expected to total 2.90 million sows, 7% more than this period last year.

Estimates for the **16 Quarterly States** account for about 91% of the U.S. total inventory. These states, with 53.9 million head, were up 6% from last year. The June -August pig crop was 22.2 million head, 8% more than last year. Producers intend to have 2.80 million sows farrow during the September - November period, an increase of 9% from a year earlier.



HOGS AND PIGS — SEPTEMBER 1, 1991 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, 1990-1991

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
NUMBER ON FARMS:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,700	3,400	126	55,940	59,300	106
Kept for breeding	320	410	128	6,815	7,270	107
Market	2,380	2,990	126	49,125	52,030	106
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	980	1,225	125	18,936	20,105	106
60-119 Lbs.	560	680	121	12,218	13,010	106
120-179 Lbs.	465	590	127	10,132	10,640	105
180 Lbs. and Over	375	495	132	7,839	8,275	106
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,650	3,150	119	53,850	56,340	105
Kept for breeding	320	375	117	7,075	7,480	106
Market	2,330	2,775	119	46,775	48,860	104
SOWS FARROWING:						
March-May	160	175	109	3,142	3,291	105
June-August	150	180	120	2,879	3,107	108
September-November	160	200[1]	125	2,834	3,073[1]	108
PIG CROP:						
March-May	1,312	1,523	116	24,958	26,233	105
June-August	1,230	1,557	127	22,737	24,496	108
	Number			Number		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
March-May	8.20	8.70	106	7.94	7.97	100
June-August	8.20	8.65	105	7.90	7.88	100
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [2] - February	165	200	121	2,705	2,902	107

[1] Intentions [2] December preceding year.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during August 1991 totaled 52.8 million pounds, up 23% from a year ago. Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.43 billion pounds, down fractionally from a year earlier.

In comparing August 1991 with August 1990 for the United States: Beef production totaled 2.08 billion pounds. This was up 1% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.91 million, down 3%. The average live weight increased 32 pounds to 1,176. Veal production, at 22.0 million pounds, was down 20%. Calf slaughter totaled 111,900 head, down 26%. The average live weight increased 46 pounds to 336. Pork production, at 1.30 billion pounds, was down 1% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.28 million head, down slightly from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 250. Lamb and mutton production at 27.0 million pounds, was down 7% from last year. Slaughter totaled 458,400 head, down 5%. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 119.

January-August red meat production was 25.8 billion pounds, up slightly from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was down 1% and veal was down 6% while pork was up 2% and lamb and mutton was down 1%.

NORTH CAROLINA WHEAT STOCKS UP

Wheat stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on September 1, 1991 totaled 12.2 million bushels, up 15% from September 1, 1990. On-farm holdings totaled 1.6 million bushels and off-farm holdings were at 10.6 million bushels.

Corn stocks in all positions totaled 10.2 million bushels on September 1, 1991 compared to 7.1 million bushels last year. Corn held in on-farm facilities totaled 4.8 million bushels compared to 1.8 million bushels last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 5.4 million bushels compared to 5.3 million bushels last year.

Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 3.6 million bushels compared to 5.3 million bushels a year earlier. On-farm holdings totaled 1.3 million bushels while off-farm facilities held 2.3 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1990	**1991**	1990	**1991**	1990	**1991**
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,000	17,500	24,245	18,008	41,245	35,508
June 1	7,000	12,000	13,139	11,176	20,139	23,176
September 1	1,800	**4,800**	5,344	**5,441**	7,144	**10,241**
December 1	29,000		23,747		52,747	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,500	7,000	12,314	9,551	19,814	16,551
June 1	2,200	3,200	5,485	5,404	7,685	8,604
September 1	1,200	**1,300**	4,124	**2,341**	5,324	**3,641**
December 1	13,000		15,651		28,651	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	150	320	[2]	4,125	[2]	4,445
June 1	100	150	1,406	2,369	1,506	2,519
September 1	2,000	**1,600**	8,686	**10,645**	10,686	**12,245**
December 1	1,600		6,300		7,900	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,910,500	3,064,500	1,901,921	1,724,474	4,812,421	4,788,974
June 1	1,623,500	1,755,000	1,219,708	1,236,911	2,843,208	2,991,911
September 1	754,800	**691,200**	589,657	**829,660**	1,344,457	**1,520,860**
December 1	4,874,000		2,066,289		6,940,289	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	376,000	532,920	567,109	863,057	943,109	1,395,977
June 1	212,500	341,210	323,955	524,571	536,455	865,781
September 1	1,000,000	828,000	1,409,504	**1,213,005**	2,409,504	**2,041,005**
December 1	763,200		1,144,838		1,908,038	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	535,800	555,500	519,705	634,619	1,055,505	1,910,119
June 1	255,300	336,500	340,614	387,022	595,914	723,522
September 1	86,000	**118,400**	153,139	**210,642**	239,139	**329,042**
December 1	754,000		929,963		1,683,963	
SORGHUM						
March 1	88,050	73,780	425,549	259,099	513,599	332,879
June 1	44,500	43,750	290,484	176,332	334,984	220,082
September 1	30,300	**22,150**	189,459	**121,010**	219,759	**143,160**
December 1	140,000		372,340		512,340	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *N.C. data not published separately.*

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during August 1991 totaled 114 million pounds, down 5% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 4,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,190 pounds, was down 10 pounds from August 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during August totaled 10.3 billion pounds, 2% less than production in these same states in August 1990. July revised production, at 10.5 billion pounds, was 2% below July 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,230 pounds for August, 3 pounds less than August 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.38 million head, 11,000 head more than July 1991 but 120,000 head less than August 1990.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 1991, totaled 28.1 million, 1% above a year earlier. The 25.6 million poults placed during August 1991 in the United States were 1% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION - AUGUST

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1991 As % of 1990
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**100**	**96**	**1,200**	**1,190**	**120**	**114**	**95**
Florida	178	178	1,010	990	180	176	98
Maryland	102	101	1,100	1,140	112	115	103
Virginia	140	139	1,170	1,165	164	162	99
21 STATES	8,499	8,379	1,233	1,230	10,476	10,304	98

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

NORTH CAROLINA FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts From Farming By Commodities, 1987-90

COMMODITIES	RECEIPTS				1990 % OF TOTAL SALES
	1987	1988	1989	1990	
	1,000 Dollars				Percent
TOTAL COMMODITIES SOLD:	3,767,443	4,152,327	4,592,584	**4,866,512**	**100.0**
Crops	1,652,202	1,964,699	2,082,348	**2,213,714**	**45.5**
Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Products	2,115,241	2,187,628	2,510,236	**2,652,798**	**54.5**
INDIVIDUAL CROPS:					
Tobacco	730,079	859,017	946,127	**1,051,602**	**21.6**
Oil Crops	310,006	354,171	339,251	**352,595**	**7.3**
Soybeans	196,268	235,735	231,176	**198,976**	**4.1**
Peanuts	113,738	118,436	108,075	**153,619**	**3.2**
Feed Grains	131,348	188,693	205,584	**188,516**	**3.9**
Corn	116,954	170,671	189,161	**174,926**	**3.6**
Hay	9,251	6,933	6,553	**6,865**	**.1**
Oats	2,447	5,602	3,725	**2,095**	**.1**
Sorghum Grain	1,473	3,109	4,314	**3,352**	**.1**
Barley	1,223	2,378	1,831	**1,278**	*
Food Grains	40,620	75,004	80,492	**63,452**	**1.3**
Wheat	39,879	73,529	79,490	**62,946**	**1.3**
Rye	741	1,475	1,002	**506**	*
Cotton	35,490	27,929	50,515	**74,278**	**1.5**
Cotton Lint	34,350	25,267	48,274	**69,645**	**1.4**
Cottonseed	1,140	2,662	2,241	**4,633**	**.1**
Vegetables	157,765	186,430	163,101	**194,626**	**4.0**
Sweet Potatoes	45,671	58,513	40,557	**45,740**	**.9**
Potatoes	18,411	15,122	20,092	**29,716**	**.6**
Cucumbers, Processing	16,556	20,801	19,383	**23,163**	**.5**
Snap Beans, Processing	147	184	319	**150**	*
Tomatoes	4,885	4,390	3,847	**5,719**	**.1**
Sweet Corn	4,095	4,420	3,903	**5,138**	**.1**
Other Vegetables	68,000	83,000	75,000	**85,000**	**1.7**
Fruits and Nuts	40,650	52,607	42,513	**45,577**	**.9**
Apples	22,872	27,816	26,161	**28,244**	**.6**
Peaches	3,864	5,010	2,100	**2,700**	**.1**
Blueberries	9,199	12,347	7,997	**6,632**	**.1**
Strawberries	2,295	2,263	4,752	**6,426**	**.1**
Pecans	1,140	3,383	445	**425**	*
Grapes	648	1,057	690	**800**	*
Other Fruits and Nuts	632	731	368	**350**	*
All Other Crops	206,244	220,848	254,765	**243,068**	**5.0**
Greenhouse Nursery	203,954	217,988	250,604	**239,775**	**4.9**
Miscellaneous Crops	2,290	2,860	4,161	**3,293**	**.1**
LIVESTOCK, DAIRY & POULTRY:					
Meat Animals	689,028	601,233	657,458	**794,083**	**16.3**
Hogs	497,940	447,931	508,792	**615,149**	**12.6**
Cattle and Calves	190,708	152,879	148,416	**178,712**	**3.7**
Sheep and Lambs	380	423	250	**222**	*
Dairy Products	222,558	219,675	223,782	**234,788**	**4.8**
Milk Wholesale & Retail	222,558	219,675	223,782	**234,788**	**4.8**
Poultry and Eggs	1,152,022	1,316,481	1,574,523	**1,572,054**	**32.3**
Broiler	582,316	713,143	843,180	**803,966**	**16.5**
Eggs	187,474[1]	190,459[1]	221,628[1]	**206,034[1]**	**4.2**
Turkeys	312,341	337,982	406,638	**452,400**	**9.3**
Chickens, Farm	13,216	10,897	17,577	**12,439**	**.3**
Miscellaneous Poultry	56,675	64,000	85,500	**97,215**	**2.0**
Miscellaneous Livestock	51,633	50,239	54,473	**51,873**	**1.1**
Honey	768	686	608	**670**	*
Wool	41	66	59	**32**	*
Aquaculture	274	5,662	8,593	**6,072**	**.1**
Catfish	274	377	883	**1,172**	*
Trout	-	5,285	7,710	**4,900**	**.1**
Other Misc. Livestock	50,550	43,825	45,213	**45,099**	**.9**

[1] *Value of production.* * *Less than 0.05 percent.*

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS UP

There were 658 thousand hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed states during the week of August 11-17, 1991. This compares with 631 thousand workers during the July, 1991, survey week. No comparable survey was conducted in August 1990. There were 55.6 thousand agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches in California and Florida compared to 73.1 thousand in July.

Average August wage rates received by hired workers in the eleven states ranged from $4.90 per hour in Wisconsin to $6.40 per hour in Florida. Wages were lower when compared with July in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington. In August, agricultural service workers were paid an average of $5.76 and $7.10 per hour in California and Florida, respectively.

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ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, July - August, 1991 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	JULY	AUGUST	JULY	AUGUST
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**71**	**95**	**4.96**	**4.98**
New York	33	30	5.81	5.67
Pennsylvania	35	36	5.62	5.60
Florida	45	45	6.35	6.40
Michigan	48	46	5.45	6.20
Wisconsin	35	26	4.34	4.90
Texas	53	63	4.88	5.75
New Mexico	9	9	4.65	4.96
Oregon	43	32	5.75	5.93
Washington	49	54	5.80	5.75
California	210	222	6.23	6.34

[1] *Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. July survey week July 7-13, 1991 and August survey week August 11-17, 1991.* [2] *Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.*

EGG PRODUCTION — AUGUST

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		*Millions Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,400**	**12,921**	**247**	**257**	**144**	**155**	**103**	**102**
Alabama	9,238	9,566	178	183	78	76	100	107
Florida	10,053	9,553	211	205	192	188	19	17
Georgia	17,061	17,863	358	360	237	234	121	126
South Carolina	5,629	5,558	125	120	114	108	11	12
UNITED STATES	266,960	271,457	5,719	5,808	4,932	5,002	787	806

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GENERAL SITUATION

September began dry as very little rain fell during the first three weeks of the month. Conditions changed, however, as most of the state received significant rainfall over the last ten days of the month. Soil moisture supplies as of October 6, 1991 were rated 2% very short, 26% short, 63% adequate and 9% surplus. Overall, crops are in good condition and harvest percents are at, or ahead of normal.

As of October 6, harvest percents were: flue-cured tobacco 97%, burley tobacco 98%, corn for silage 94%, corn for grain 76%, sorghum for grain 52%, sweetpotatoes 32%, peanuts dug 50%, peanuts threshed 30%, cotton 22% and apples 82%. Small grain planting is well underway with 12% of the wheat crop seeded.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, October 1, 1991

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N. C.	**11**	**98.0**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**1,945**	**2,090**	**2,250**	**190,610**	**221,540**	**234,000**
N. C.	**12**	**127.0**	**135.0**	**131.0**	**2,090**	**2,370**	**2,250**	**265,430**	**319,950**	**294,750**
N. C.	**13**	**34.0**	**35.0**	**35.0**	**2,120**	**2,290**	**2,250**	**72,080**	**80,150**	**78,750**
N. C.	**11-13**	**259.0**	**276.0**	**270.0**	**2,039**	**2,252**	**2,250**	**528,120**	**621,640**	**607,500**
Va.	11	37.0	40.0	38.0	1,935	2,120	2,150	71,595	84,800	81,700
S. C.	13	48.0	51.0	51.0	2,160	2,155	2,250	103,680	109,905	114,750
Ga.	14	40.0	43.0	41.0	2,180	2,415	2,000	87,200	103,845	82,000
Fla.	14	6.7	6.9	6.9	2,660	2,760	2,250	17,755	19,044	15,525
U. S.	11-14	390.7	416.9	406.9	2,069	2,253	2,215	808,350	939,234	901,475

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST

Soybean production in North Carolina is forecast at 33.8 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's forecast but four percent more than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 26 bushels, the same as the previous forecast but two bushels more than last year. Area for harvest at 1.30 million acres, is unchanged from the earlier estimate but four percent less than last year.

U.S. production is forecast at 1.93 billion bushels in 1991, up six percent from the September 1991 forecast and fractionally above 1990. The average yield is estimated to be 33.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above the September 1 yield but 1.1 bushels below 1990. Harvested area, at 58.6 million acres, is unchanged from the September 1 forecast and four percent above 1990.

Harvested yields are turning out significantly better than earlier expected in the major producing states. Timely August and September rains were received over most of the corn belt. The western corn belt escaped with relatively light frost damage. The midwest realized generally favorable growing and maturing weather. These factors resulted in retaining a much better pod set than earlier expected. Average pod weights and above average pod numbers are surprising growers as harvest of the 1991 crop progresses.

PEANUT FORECAST

Peanut production in North Carolina is forecast at 475.6 million pounds, four percent more than a month earlier but unchanged from the 1990 crop. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,900 pounds, the same as the average in 1990. Area for harvest is estimated at 164,000 acres, unchanged from last year's acreage.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at a record high 4.94 billion pounds, down two percent from the September 1 forecast but up 37 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 2,513 pounds per harvested acre, down 45 pounds from last month but up 522 pounds from 1990. Lack of September moisture following excessively wet conditions during August lowered yield expectation. Harvested area, estimated at 1.96 million acres, is 9 percent above last year.

FLUE-CURED FORECAST

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 607.5 million pounds, up one percent from the previous month's forecast but two percent less than last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,250 pounds, 26 pounds more than the earlier forecast but 2 pounds below last year's average yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 270,000 acres, unchanged from the earlier estimate but two percent less than in 1990. North Carolina's flue-cured harvest was 97 percent completed by October 6, ahead of last season's progress of 95 percent and the average of 93 percent.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to reach 901 million pounds, off four percent from a year ago and fractionally above last month's forecast. Yield per acre, at 2,215 pounds, is down 38 pounds from last year's average yield. Acres for harvest are two percent below 1990.

N.C. BURLEY PROSPECTS

The Burley tobacco crop in North Carolina is forecast at 17.4 million pounds, five percent more than the earlier forecast but four percent less than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 1,950 pounds, 245 pounds less than the 1990 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 8,900, up nine percent from last year.

U.S. Burley output is now expected to total 646 million pounds this year, eight percent above a year ago and up fractionally from September 1. The change from last year reflects a 14 percent acreage increase which is moderated by an average yield that is expected to be 118 pounds per acre less than in 1990. The small increase from a month ago follows improved prospects in Indiana, Ohio, and North Carolina. Average yield per acre is now expected to be 2,086 pounds compared with 2,078 pounds on September 1.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, OCTOBER 1, 1991

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	30	35	53	47	1,590	1,645
Oats, grain	Bu.	40	40	61	55	2,440	2,200
Rye, grain	Bu.	15	20	23	25	345	500
Wheat, grain	Bu.	550	480	41	40	22,550	19,200
Corn, grain	Bu.	1,070	950	68	90	72,760	85,500
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	200	456	631	653	263	620
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	164	164	2,900	2,900	475,600	475,600
Sorghum, grain [2]	Bu.	40	25	46	55	1,840	1,375
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,300	24	26	32,400	33,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	106	104	2,090	2,250	221,540	234,000
Type 12	Lb.	135	131	2,370	2,250	319,950	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	35	35	2,290	2,250	80,150	78,750
Type 11-13	Lb.	276	270	2,252	2,250	621,640	607,500
Type 31	Lb.	8.2	8.9	2,195	1,950	17,999	17,355
All	Lb.	284.2	278.9	2,251	2,240	639,639	624,855
Hay: Alfalfa [2]	Ton	30	40	2.9	3.0	87	120
Other	Ton	440	480	2.1	2.2	924	1,056
All	Ton	470	520	2.15	2.26	1,011	1,176
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples	Lb.	15,000	[3]	15,300	[3]	230,000	320,000
Grapes [2]	Ton	600	[3]	2.5	[3]	1.5	1.8
Peaches [2]	Lb.	4,200	[3]	2,380	[3]	10,000	35,000
Pecans [2]	Lb.					400	2,500
Pasture Conditions	%			62	84		
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Million*	
Barley, grain [4]	Bu.	7,529	8,413	56.1	55.2	422.2	464.5
Oats, grain [4]	Bu.	5,945	4,796	60.1	50.6	357.5	242.5
Rye, grain [4]	Bu.	375	396	27.1	24.6	10.2	9.8
Wheat, Winter [4]	Bu.	49,901	39,396	40.7	34.8	2,030.9	1,372.2
All [4]	Bu.	69,283	57,693	39.5	34.3	2,736.4	1,980.7
Corn, grain	Bu.	66,952	68,740	118.5	108.8	7,933.1	7,479.4
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	11,504.5	13,195.3	632	626	15.1	17.2
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,809.5	1,963.5	1,991	2,513	3,602.8	4,935.3
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,079	9,743	62.9	58.2	571.5	566.7
Soybeans, beans [4]	Bu.	56,512	58,633	34.1	33.0	1,925.9	1,933.6
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	416.9	406.9	2,253	2,215	939.2	901.5
Type 31	Lb.	270.6	309.5	2,204	2,086	596.3	645.7
All	Lb.	732.7	764.4	2,218	2,143	1,625.1	1,637.7
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	25,401	25,845	3.29	3.38	83.6	87.3
Other	Ton	36,156	37,289	1.75	1.91	63.4	71.1
All	Ton	61,557	63,134	2.39	2.51	147.0	158.4
Fruit & Nut:							
Apples	Lb.	485	[3]	20,000	[3]	9,696.8	10,127.5
Grapes	Ton	742.6	[3]	7.62	[3]	5.7	5.4
Peaches [2]	Lb.	185.5	[3]	11,900	[3]	2,205.2	2,545.0
Pecans	Lb.					205.0	271.0
Pasture Conditions	%			70	77		

[1] *Production in 480-lb. bales.* [2] *Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.* [3] *1991 estimate released 1/17/92.* [4] *1990 revised.*

TROUT VALUE OF SALES: SEPTEMBER 1 — AUGUST 31, 1990 & 1991

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA		TOTAL SELECTED STATES [2]	
	1990[1]	1991	1990[1]	1991
Number of Operations	75	68	461	454
	Thousand Dollars			
Foodsize Fish Sales	4,603	4,321	64,640	59,142
Stocker Fish Sales	238	142	6,307	5,990
Fingerlings Sales	59	137	1,855	1,737
Total Fish Sales	4,900	4,600	72,802	66,869
Eggs Sales	0	0	4,306	3,956
Total All Trout	4,900	4,600	77,108	70,825

[1] Revised. [2] Ca., Co., Ga., Id., Mi., Mo., N.Y., N.C., Or., Pa., Tn., Ut., Va., Wa. and Wi.

COTTON PRODUCTION HIGHEST SINCE 1948

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 620,000 bales, down 20,000 bales from the September 1 forecast but is still more than double the 1990 production of 263,000 bales and is the highest since 1948. Area for harvest, at 456,000 acres, was unchanged from the previous month's estimate but more than double the 1990 acreage and the highest since 1955. Yield is forecast at 653 pounds per acre, 21 pounds less than the September 1 estimate but 22 pounds more than last season's average. Harvest on October 6 was 22 percent completed compared with the average of 12 percent.

All cotton production is forecast at 17.6 million bales, down one percent from September 1 but up 14 percent from last year's production. Of the total, upland is expected to account for 17.2 million bales, while pima production accounts for 444,100 bales. Total area for harvest is estimated at 13.4 million acres, up 15 percent from 1990. Yield is expected to average 630 pounds per acre, 8 pounds below the September 1 forecast and 4 pounds below last year.

Upland cotton production in Texas and Oklahoma is forecast at 6.12 million bales, down five percent from the September 1 forecast but 14 percent above 1990. Open weather in central Texas for an extended period permitted harvest to progress. Harvest of an excellent crop in eastern areas was hampered by poor harvest conditions and west Texas cotton was adversely affected by cold temperatures causing yield prospects to diminish.

The delta states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) expect to produce 5.65 million bales, up one percent from September 1 and up 15 percent above last year. Scattered showers in some of the states in this region slowed harvest during September, and at month's end only Missouri was ahead of the normal harvest pace. Insects affected late planted cotton fields in Arkansas, and Budworm egg lay was extensive in green cotton fields in central Louisiana. At the end of September, the majority of the crop in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi was rated in good condition, but in Missouri and Tennessee the crop was mainly in fair condition.

N.C. CORN FORECAST

North Carolina's corn production, forecast at 85.5 million bushels, is unchanged from the previous month's forecast but 18 percent more than last year's production. Area for grain harvest, at 950,000 acres, is 11 percent below last year's average. As of October 6, grain harvest was 76 percent completed compared with the 5-year average of 65 percent.

U.S. production of corn for grain is forecast at 7.48 billion bushels, up three percent from last month but six percent below the 1990 crop. The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at 108.8 bushels, up 2.7 bushels from last month, but 9.7 bushels below the 1990 average yield.

At the end of September, corn harvest was progressing ahead of last year and the historic average, led by a much earlier than usual harvest in the eastern corn belt. Thirty-six percent of the crop was harvested in the 17 major producing states, 23 percentage points ahead of last year and 17 points ahead of the five-year average.

The corn crop was aided by good maturing and harvesting weather during September. Growers in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska were experiencing better than expected yields in early harvested fields as drought damage was not as severe as previously thought. Late planted fields in the western corn belt matured without suffering from frost damage. Actual average weight of grain per ear from harvested survey samples was higher than last month's forecast.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The September 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 246% of its 1967 base, was up 8 points from August. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, corn, and milk. The index was 3 points below a year earlier.

The September 1991 "All Crops" index, at 260, was up 14 points from the previous month and 8 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for September 1991, at 221, was down 2 points from the previous month and 23 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for September 1991, at 275, was down 10 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 193, was down 1 point. The dairy index, at 222, was up 7 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Sept. 15 1989 [1]	Sept. 15 1990 [1]	Aug. 15 1991 [1]	Sept. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	244	249	238	246
All Crops	252	252	246	260
Tobacco	263	265	252	271
Oil Bearing	237	245	267	267
Grains	178	182	179	184
Commercial Vegetables	274	203	194	194
Fruits	249	312	338	331
Livestock and Livestock Products	231	244	223	221
Meat Animals	248	294	285	275
Poultry	221	215	194	193
Dairy	236	256	215	222
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	262	271	269	270
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.

TROUT SALES DOWN

The value of trout sales in **North Carolina** totaled $4.6 million for the period September 1, 1990 - August 31, 1991. This compares with $4.9 million sold the previous year. North Carolina's 68 commercial trout producers had sales of 3,701,000 pounds. Sales of foodsize trout accounted for 94% of total sales, with stockers accounting for 3% and fingerlings 3%. Total losses of trout totaled 211,000 pounds, 70% less than last year's heavy losses. Disease was the major cause of losses with 148,000 pounds and 70% of all poundage lost. Losses from flooding declined from 56% last year to only 5% this year.

Trout growers in **15 selected States** had a total value of fish and egg sales of $70.8 million during the 12-month period from September 1, 1990 through August 31, 1991. This was a decrease of 8% from the $77.1 million in sales during the same period a year earlier. Growers sold a total of 62.6 million pounds of trout valued at $66.9 million this year. Foodsize trout sales accounted for 96% of the total pounds sold. In addition, 312 million trout eggs were sold, valued at $3.96 million.

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PEANUT STOCKS FOR UNITED STATES UP 30 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 574 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 443 million pounds last year. This total includes 85.3 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 463 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 25.8 million pounds. There were 5.03 million pounds of commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of August 31, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 348 million pounds of which 299 million pounds were edible grades and 48.9 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 119 million pounds; Runners, 158 million pounds; and Spanish, 21.8 million pounds.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION

Commercial apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 320 million pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast but 39 percent more than last year's crop. As of October 6, apple harvest was 82 percent completed. This compares to last season's 75 percent and the average of 72 percent.

The 1991 U.S. apple production is forecast at 10.1 billion pounds, up one percent from the August 1 forecast and four percent more than last year's crop.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Sept. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.740	1.655	1.780	1.740	1.655	1.765
Corn	Bu.	2.50	2.45	2.53	2.32	2.33	2.37
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.09	1.09	1.15
Soybeans	Bu.	6.34	5.78	5.76	5.99	5.66	5.79
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.297	-	[4]	.321	.304	.313 [4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	51.90	49.90	48.70	54.30	51.20	46.80
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.335	.300	.300	.340	.323	.321
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.420	.410	.410	.403	.407	.402
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.564	.502	.491	.609	.555	.545
Milk, All	Cwt.	16.40	13.80	14.20	13.90	12.30	12.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	11.30	12.00	-	5.36	5.52	5.07
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.186	.213	.206	.245	.246	.292
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	86.20	71.50	68.10

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.* [4] *Based on sales during the first half of the month.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in September 1991 was $1.780 per pound, up 12.5 cents from the $1.655 received a year ago. Prices received for corn at $2.53 per bushel were up 8 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.76 per bushel, were down 2 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in September, at $48.70 per hundredweight, were down $1.20 from August and $3.20 from a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month. Turkeys, at 41.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 49.1 cents per dozen, were down 1.1 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.20 per hundredweight, was up 40 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 20.6 cents per pound, were 2 cents above the previous year.

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SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during September 1991 totaled 116 million pounds, down 3% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 97,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,195 pounds, was up 5 pounds from September 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during September totaled 9.94 billion pounds, slightly below production in these same states in September 1990. August revised production, at 10.3 billion pounds, was 2 percent below August 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,187 pounds for September, 16 pounds above September 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.38 million head, 8,000 more than August but 136,000 less than September 1990.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on October 1, 1991, averaged 17.3 pounds, 0.2 of a pound more than on October 1, 1990. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on October 1, averaged $7.80 per hundredweight, 24 cents less than the October 1, 1990 price.

MILK PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds 1990	Pounds 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**100**	**97**	**1,190**	**1,195**	**119**	**116**	**97**
Florida	179	176	965	940	173	165	95
Maryland	103	103	1,060	1,100	109	113	104
Virginia	141	139	1,150	1,160	162	162	100
21 STATES	8,516	8,380	1,171	1,187	9,973	9,944	100

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators October 1			Poults Placed During Sept. [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**10,215**	**10,141**	**99**	**7,494**	**8,374**	**112**
East North Central	3,556	4,008	113	2,541	3,009	118
West North Central	7,362	7,722	105	5,289	5,233	99
South Central	2,795	2,594	93	1,841	1,861	101
West	3,649	3,237	89	2,578	2,651	103
UNITED STATES	27,577	27,702	100	19,743	21,128	107

[1] Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 1991, totaled 27.7 million, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. The 21.1 million poults placed during September 1991 in the United States were 7% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 249 million eggs during September 1991, up 5% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 151 million table eggs and 98 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 9% while hatching eggs remained unchanged. The average number of layers on hand during September was 13.0 million, up 4% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.4 million layers for table eggs and 5.6 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, egg production totaled 5.63 billion during September 1991, up 2% from the 5.53 billion produced a year ago. Production included 4.85 billion for table eggs, 720 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 63 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during September averaged 273 million, up 2% from the 268 million a year ago. Average egg production in September was 2,060 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 2,065 in September 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 1991, totaled 274 million, compared with 269 million a year ago. The 274 million layers consisted of 232 million for table or commercial type eggs, 39.9 million for broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.80 million for egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 1991, averaged 68.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from the 68.7 eggs per 100 layers on October 1, 1990.

EGG PRODUCTION — SEPTEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		Millions Eggs					
North Carolina	**12,482**	**13,005**	**237**	**249**	**139**	**151**	**98**	**98**
Alabama	9,429	9,688	177	179	78	75	99	104
Florida	10,363	9,773	204	192	186	176	18	16
Georgia	17,400	17,969	351	354	233	231	118	123
South Carolina	5,561	5,794	122	120	111	108	11	12
UNITED STATES	267,984	273,188	5,534	5,630	4,784	4,847	750	783

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 33.9 million, up 9% from September 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.2 million on October 1, 1991, up 15% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 186,000 during September 1991, up 9% from September 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — SEPTEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	896	991	111
Florida	1,870	1,810	97
Georgia	1,342	1,472	110
Indiana	5,516	5,918	107
Iowa	1,369	2,084	152
Kansas	213	204	96
Minnesota	1,453	1,799	124
Missouri	743	418	56
Pennsylvania	4,212	3,954	94
Other States [1]	13,605	15,299	112
UNITED STATES	31,219	33,949	109

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.*

CHICKS HATCHED — SEPTEMBER

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**45,515**	**48,396**	**106**
Alabama	81,594	84,385	103
Arkansas	91,164	92,132	101
Delaware	14,978	14,916	100
Florida	10,757	11,989	111
Georgia	74,030	74,749	101
Maryland	29,432	30,183	103
Mississippi	33,194	37,503	113
Pennsylvania	10,351	11,178	108
South Carolina	6,780	8,151	120
Texas	31,816	31,968	100
Virginia	13,946	16,634	119
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	26,833	27,132	101
Washington & Oregon	4,894	4,899	100
Other States [1]	34,718	38,546	111
UNITED STATES	510,002	532,761	104
15 STATES [2]	470,390	489,316	104

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.* [2] *States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U.S. total.*

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the September 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 533 million, was 4% above September of last year. There were 429 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 1991, up 3% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 1991, up 4% from September 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 48.4 million broiler chicks during September 1991, up 6% from the 45.5 million a year ago.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	199	167	139	83	2,558	2,553	2,375
March	215	217	279	129	2,525	2,666	2,322
April	330	173	231	134	2,609	2,519	2,337
May	131	202	250	124	2,586	2,485	
June	284	242	179	74	2,684	2,394	
July	270	321	213	66	2,653	2,476	
August	166	279	226	81	2,660	2,406	
September	318	171	186	109	2,628	2,378	
October	189	155			2,630	2,440	
November	262	171			2,473	2,498	
December	147	229			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] *Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.* [2] *For September 1991, includes pullet chicks placed March 1990 through February 1991.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	10,293	10,404	101	5,312	6,715	126
East North Central	4,176	4,864	116	7,255	8,653	119
West North Central	8,988	8,303	92	3,984	4,506	113
South Atlantic	165,326	168,659	102	4,085	4,382	107
South Central	206,888	218,642	106	3,162	4,308	136
West	19,383	18,478	95	4,223	3,654	87
UNITED STATES	415,054	429,350	103	28,021	32,218	115

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS DOWN

There were 549 thousand hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed states during the week of September 8-14, 1991. This compares with 658 thousand workers during the August, 1991, survey week. No comparable survey was conducted in September 1990. There were 103.5 thousand agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches in California and Florida compared to 55.6 thousand in August.

Average September wage rates received by hired workers in the eleven states ranged from $4.84 per hour in Wisconsin to $6.40 per hour in Washington. Wages were lower when compared with August in California, Florida, Texas, and Wisconsin. In September, agricultural service workers were paid an average of $5.78 and $7.90 per hour in California and Florida, respectively.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, August - September, 1991 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	95	47	4.98	5.44
New York	30	31	5.67	6.18
Pennsylvania	36	36	5.60	5.67
Florida	45	45	6.40	6.25
Michigan	46	37	6.20	6.30
Wisconsin	26	28	4.90	4.84
Texas	63	41	5.75	4.89
New Mexico	9	8	4.96	5.17
Oregon	32	36	5.93	6.01
Washington	54	40	5.75	6.40
California	222	200	6.34	6.33

[1] Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. August survey week August 11-17, 1991 and September survey week September 8-14, 1991. [2] Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during September 1991 totaled 52.7 million pounds, up 34% from a year ago. Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.31 billion pounds, 7% above a year earlier.

In comparing September 1991 with September 1990 for the United States: Beef production totaled 1.94 billion pounds. This was up 7% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.70 million, up 3%. The average live weight increased 34 pounds to 1,182. Veal production, at 24.0 million pounds, was down 7%. Calf slaughter totaled 118,900 head, down 13%. The average live weight increased 47 pounds to 342. Pork production, at 1.32 billion pounds, was up 7% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.36 million head, up 7% from last year. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 251. Lamb and mutton production at 29.0 million pounds, was up 6% from last year. Slaughter totaled 477,400 head, up 9%. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 119.

January-September red meat production was 29.1 billion pounds, up 1% from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up slightly while veal was down 6%, pork was up 3% and lamb and mutton was unchanged.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 13 states preparing quarterly estimates totaled 8.54 million head, down 6% from a year ago but 3% above October 1, 1989. The inventory included 5.66 million steers and steer calves, 4% below a year ago. This group accounts for 66.3 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 2.84 million head, 10% below a year ago. By weight group, 1.46 million head of the total inventory weighed over 1,100 pounds.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 states during the July-September 1991 quarter totaled 5.36 million, down 15% from last year and 6% below September 1989. Net placements of 5.08 million for July-September was down 16% from last year and 7% from 1989. Marketings of fed cattle during the July-September quarter totaled 5.97 million, up 4% from last year and 1% above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 282,000 head compared to 261,000 in September 1990, and 227,000 in September 1989.

Cattle feeders expect to market 5.16 million head during the October-December quarter of 1991. This would be down 2 percent from the fourth quarter marketings in 1990 and 4 percent below 1989.

CATTLE ON FEED - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS

STATE	OCT. 1, 1990	JULY 1, 1991	OCT. 1, 1991 [1]	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1990
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	180	147	151	84
California	450	330	355	79
Colorado	795	860	770	97
Idaho	222	260	225	101
Illinois	280	285	270	96
Iowa	775	860	620	80
Kansas	1,570	1,530	1,500	96
Minnesota	230	290	215	93
Nebraska	1,780	1,900	1,800	101
Oklahoma	320	320	315	98
S. Dakota	195	240	185	95
Texas	2,120	2,220	1,960	92
Washington	175	184	174	99
13 States	9,092	9,426	8,540	94

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a full ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) by Crop, State and United States, October 15, 1988-91

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	1988 [1]	1989 [1]	1990 [1]	1991
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	141,074	60,432	245,374	195,700
Arizona	109,847	118,425	117,750	146,600
Arkansas	457,217	230,976	416,339	604,700
California	242,858	518,327	444,724	211,300
Florida	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]
Georgia	48,678	42,251	166,676	112,400
Louisiana	508,699	394,424	803,595	550,000
Mississippi	962,723	308,158	1,084,606	947,200
Missouri	97,718	127,826	119,430	239,600
New Mexico	7,893	20,819	[2]	6,600
North Carolina	[2]	**12,195**	**67,692**	**131,000**
Oklahoma	32,017	[2]	34,081	11,800
South Carolina	36,114	29,093	69,405	93,800
Tennessee	201,993	149,106	230,631	273,000
Texas	1,246,467	754,717	917,739	1,422,000
Virginia	[3]	[3]	[3]	[2]
UNITED STATES	4,108,382	2,772,232	4,738,797	4,959,000
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	5,584	19,526	4,138	1,700
California	[2]	8,279	[2]	[2]
Mississippi	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]
New Mexico	265	792	[2]	0
Texas	14,889	28,040	8,016	[2]
UNITED STATES	7,338	56,637	14,753	13,900

[1] Source: Bureau of Census. [2] Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins. [3] No gins operated.

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GENERAL SITUATION

October and early November have been extremely dry across the Tar Heel State. Almost all weather reporting stations are indicating well below normal precipitation since September 1. The Mountain and Piedmont Regions have been the hardest hit with precipitation amounts five to eight inches below normal since September 1. Statewide as of November 10, 1991, soil moisture supplies were rated 25% very short, 50% short, 24% adequate and 1% surplus.

The dry weather has adversely affected pastures and the small grain crops. Small grains are emerging late and stands in those fields which have emerged are reduced. The peanut, corn and sweetpotato harvests are nearing completion with most farmers having very good years. The soybean and cotton harvests are continuing with both near the five-year average.

N.C. CORN FORECAST UNCHANGED

North Carolina's corn production is forecast at 85.5 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 18 percent above the 1990 production. Yield per acre is expected to average 90 bushels, 22 bushels above last year's yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 950,000 acres, 11 percent below last year. Combining was 96 percent completed as of November 9.

U.S. production of corn for grain is forecast at 7.49 billion bushels, up slightly from last month but six percent below the 1990 crop. The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at 108.9 bushels, up 0.1 bushel from last month but 9.6 bushels below the 1990 average yield.

The corn crop was aided by good maturing and harvesting weather during October. By the first of November, only seven percent of the corn crop in the 17 major producing states had not been harvested. High plant population in most states were a major factor in yields being higher than expected. Growers in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska continued experiencing better than expected yields as drought damage was not as severe as previously thought. Yields in late planted fields in Minnesota were below earlier expectations.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED

The November 1 soybean forecast places production at 33.8 million bushels, unchanged from a month earlier but four percent more than a year earlier. Yield is forecast at 26 bushels per acre, two bushels above 1990. Area for harvest is estimated at 1,300,000 acres, four percent below a year earlier. Harvest was 38 percent completed as of November 9.

U.S. soybean production as of November 1 is forecast at 1.96 billion bushels, up one percent from October 1 and two percent above the 1990 production. If realized, this level would be the fifth highest on record. Yield is expected to average 33.5 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel above the October 1 forecast but 0.6 bushel below 1990. Harvested area, at 58.6 million acres, is unchanged from last month. Yields were unchanged or up in all states except Minnesota. As harvest neared completion in the major producing states, yields continued to be better than expected. A record pod count in the upper midwest more than offsets below average pod weights, resulting in good yields in the corn belt.

FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN SIX PERCENT

The production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina is forecast at 570.7 million pounds, down six percent from the October 1 forecast and eight percent below last year's production, but is the second highest since 1982. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,114 pounds, 136 pounds below the earlier forecast and 138 pounds below last year's average yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 270,000 acres, unchanged from the previous month but 6,000 acres less than in 1990.

U.S. flue-cured production is now projected to be 864 million pounds, four percent less than last month's forecast and down eight percent from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 2,129 pounds, is 124 pounds short of last year's average yield. Acres for harvest are off three percent from 1990. Auction markets are now closed except for a clean up sale scheduled for November 13.

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION PROSPECTS DOWN THREE PERCENT

The North Carolina burley tobacco crop is forecast at 16.9 million pounds, down three percent from the October 1 forecast and six percent less than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 1,900 pounds, 295 pounds less than the 1990 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 8,900, unchanged from last month but nine percent more than in 1990.

U.S. burley output is now expected to total 654 million pounds, one percent above the outlook a month earlier and a ten percent increase from a year ago. The change from last year reflects a 14 percent acreage increase which was moderated by lower yields. The expected average yield increased 29 pounds per acre from a month earlier, but is expected to be off 89 pounds from 1990.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, November 1, 1991

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N. C.	11	98.0	106.0	104.0	1,945	2,090	1,950	190,610	221,540	202,800
N. C.	12	127.0	135.0	131.0	2,090	2,370	2,215	265,430	319,950	290,165
N. C.	13	34.0	35.0	35.0	2,120	2,290	2,220	72,080	80,150	77,700
N. C.	11-13	259.0	276.0	270.0	2,039	2,252	2,114	528,120	621,640	570,665
Va.	11	37.0	40.0	38.0	1,935	2,120	2,200	71,595	84,800	83,600
S. C.	13	48.0	51.0	51.0	2,160	2,155	2,200	103,680	109,905	112,200
Ga.	14	40.0	43.0	40.0	2,180	2,415	2,050	87,200	103,845	82,000
Fla.	14	6.7	6.9	6.9	2,660	2,760	2,250	17,755	19,044	15,525
U. S.	11-14	390.7	416.9	405.9	2,069	2,253	2,129	808,350	939,234	863,990

ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, NOVEMBER 1, 1991

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	30	35	53	47	1,590	1,645
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	40	40	61	55	2,440	2,200
Rye, grain [1]	Bu.	15	20	23	25	345	500
Wheat, grain [1]	Bu.	550	480	41	40	22,550	19,200
Corn, grain	Bu.	1,070	950	68	90	72,760	85,500
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	200	456	631	663	263	630
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	164	164	2,900	2,950	475,600	483,800
Sorghum, grain [1]	Bu.	40	25	46	55	1,840	1,375
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,300	24	26	32,400	33,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	106	104	2,090	1,950	221,540	202,800
Type 12	Lb.	135	131	2,370	2,215	319,950	290,165
Type 13	Lb.	35	35	2,290	2,220	80,150	77,700
Type 11-13	Lb.	276	270	2,252	2,114	621,640	570,665
Type 31	Lb.	8.2	8.9	2,195	1,900	17,999	16,910
All	Lb.	284.2	278.9	2,251	2,107	639,639	587,575
Hay: Alfalfa [1]	Ton	30	40	2.9	3.0	87	120
Other [1]	Ton	440	480	2.1	2.2	924	1,056
All [1]	Ton	470	520	2.15	2.26	1,011	1,176
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1]	Lb.	15,000	[3]	15,300	[3]	230,000	320,000
Grapes [1]	Ton	600	[3]	2.5	[3]	1.5	1.8
Peaches [1]	Lb.	4,200	[3]	2,380	[3]	10,000	35,000
Pecans [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	-	400	2,500
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	74	62	-	-
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Million*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	7,529	8,413	56.1	55.2	422.2	464.5
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	5,945	4,796	60.1	50.6	357.5	242.5
Rye, grain [1]	Bu.	375	396	27.1	24.6	10.2	9.8
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	49,901	39,396	40.7	34.8	2,030.9	1,372.2
All [1]	Bu.	69,283	57,693	39.5	34.3	2,736.4	1,980.7
Corn, grain	Bu.	66,952	68,740	118.5	108.9	7,933.1	7,485.9
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	11,504.5	13,235.3	632	645	15.1	17.8
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,809.5	1,963.5	1,991	2,517	3,602.8	4,942.7
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,079	9,743	62.9	59.4	571.5	578.3
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	56,512	58,633	34.1	33.5	1,925.9	1,961.8
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	416.9	405.9	2,253	2,129	939.2	864.0
Type 31	Lb.	270.6	309.5	2,204	2,115	596.3	654.4
All	Lb.	732.7	763.4	2,218	2,109	1,625.1	1,609.7
Hay: Alfalfa [1]	Ton	25,401	25,845	3.29	3.38	83.6	87.3
Other [1]	Ton	36,156	37,289	1.75	1.91	63.4	71.1
All [1]	Ton	61,557	63,134	2.39	2.51	147.0	158.4
Fruits & Nuts:							
Apples [1]	Lb.	485.5	[3]	20,000	[3]	9,696.8	10,127.5
Grapes [1]	Ton	742.6	[3]	7.62	[3]	5.7	5.4
Peaches [1]	Lb.	185.5	[3]	11,900	[3]	2,205.2	2,545.0
Pecans [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	-	205.0	271.0
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	71	72	-	-

[1] *Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.* [2] *Production in 480-lb. bales.* [3] *1991 estimate released 1/17/92.*

PEANUT FORECAST UP

North Carolina peanut production is forecast at 483.8 million pounds, two percent more than October 1 and the 1990 crop. This production is the second highest on record but is 13 percent below the record set in 1981. Yield is forecast at 2,950 pounds, 50 pounds more than the 1990 yield. Area for harvest is set at 164,000 acres, the same as last year.

The U.S. peanut production forecast remains a record high 4.94 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the October 1 forecast and up 37 percent from last year. Favorable digging conditions offset much of the impact of dry weather on yields. Harvested area, estimated at 1.96 million acres, is nine percent above last year. Yields are expected to average 2,517 pounds per acre, up four pounds from last month and up 526 pounds from 1990.

Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 791 million pounds, up one percent from last year. Yield per acre, at 3,042 pounds, is 32 pounds above last year's average. North Carolina's harvest progressed rapidly under favorable conditions. Virginia producers experienced near ideal digging and harvesting conditions during October.

PEANUT STOCKS FOR UNITED STATES UP 46 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 2.21 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.51 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.73 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 464 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 16.2 million pounds. There were 190 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of September 30, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 349 million pounds of which 307 million pounds were edible grades and 41.8 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 90.9 million pounds; Runners, 199 million pounds; and Spanish, 16.7 million pounds.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, OCTOBER 1991			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	OCT 1990	JULY 1991	OCT 1991
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	218.00	208.00	210.00	211.00	203.00	214.00
38-42% Protein	314.00	313.00	311.00	302.00	297.00	312.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	178.00	171.00	184.00	181.00	172.00	176.00
18% Protein	184.00	179.00	194.00	190.00	183.00	185.00
20% Protein	192.00	187.00	195.00	189.00	183.00	188.00
32% Protein	257.00	255.00	295.00	282.00	274.00	287.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	262.00	275.00	278.00	251.00	245.00	248.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter	253.00	203.00	244.00	215.00	218.00	225.00
Broiler Grower	205.00	206.00	250.00	210.00	202.00	208.00
Laying Feed	184.00	192.00	228.00	199.00	189.00	199.00
Turkey Grower	234.00	226.00	247.00	237.00	227.00	241.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	10.60	9.70	9.80	10.70	10.60	10.60
Middlings	8.70	7.60	8.80	9.35	9.01	9.10
Corn Meal	8.20	8.40	6.40	7.39	7.38	7.49
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	13.70	12.90	14.60	14.90	13.80	13.40
Soybean Meal 44%	13.80	13.50	12.50	13.10	12.70	13.40

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST UP

The forecast for cotton production in North Carolina is 630,000 bales, 10,000 bales more than the October 1 forecast and more than double the 1990 production. This is the highest production since 1948. Cotton production reached a low of 43,000 bales as recently as 1983. The average yield per acre forecast at 663 pounds, is ten pounds more than last month and 32 pounds above the 1990 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 456,000 acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but more than double the acres a year ago and is the highest since 1955. Harvest was 77 percent completed by November 9.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million bales, up three percent from the October 1 forecast and up 18 percent from last year's production. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 17.8 million bales, while Pima production will total 434,100 bales. Total area for harvest is estimated at 13.5 million acres, up 15 percent from 1990. Yield is expected to average 649 pounds per acre, 19 pounds above last month and 15 pounds above last year's yield.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Oct. 15 1989 [1]	Oct. 15 1990 [1]	Sept. 15 1991 [1]	Oct. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	236	244	244	238
All Crops	247	250	258	255
Tobacco	258	263	274	271
Oil Bearing	222	238	237	232
Grains	187	184	185	188
Commercial Vegetables	274	203	194	194
Fruits	247	302	331	319
Livestock and Livestock Products	217	233	218	208
Meat Animals	260	290	265	253
Poultry	186	197	193	177
Dairy	245	253	222	229
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	265	266	270	258
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	360	379	[4]	383
Parity Ratio [3]	74	70	[4]	67

[1] *Revised.* [2] *Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.* [4] *Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The October 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 238% of its 1967 base, was down 6 points from September. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, soybeans, hogs, broilers, turkeys, and apples. The index was 6 points below a year earlier.

The October 1991 "All Crops" index, at 255, was down 3 points from the previous month but 5 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for October 1991, at 208, was down 10 points from the previous month and 25 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for October 1991, at 253, was down 12 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 177, was down 16 points. The dairy index, at 229, was up 7 points from a month earlier.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Oct. 1990	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.725	1.800	1.780	1.715	1.785	1.780
Corn	Bu.	2.54	2.54	2.58	2.19	2.34	2.29
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.14	1.12	1.19
Soybeans	Bu.	5.80	5.75	5.42	5.87	5.64	5.33
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.311	.312	.318[4]	.340	.293	.292[4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	52.70	46.00	43.40	56.80	46.40	44.40
Milk Cows	Hd.	1270.00	-	1130.00	1200.00	-	1100.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.270	.300	.295	.284	.321	.311
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.470	.410	.350	.425	.402	.389
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.616	.491	.503	.654	.545	.553
Milk, All	Cwt.	16.20	14.20	14.70	13.10	12.80	13.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.73	4.62	4.37
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.175	.206	.193	.193	.291	.249
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	85.60	68.10	68.80

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*
[4] *Based on sales during the first half of the month.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in October 1991 was $1.780 per pound, down 2.0 cents from the previous month but 5.5 cents above a year ago. Prices received for corn at $2.58 per bushel were up 4 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.42 per bushel, were down 33 cents from the previous month. Peanuts, at 31.8 cents per pound, were up .6 cent.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in October, at $43.40 per hundredweight, were down $2.60 from September and $9.30 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.5 cents per pound, were down .5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 35.0 cents per pound, were down 6.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 50.3 cents per dozen, were up 1.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.70 per hundredweight, was up 50 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 19.3 cents per pound, were 1.3 cents below the previous month.

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OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 258 million eggs during October 1991, up 8% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 154 million table eggs and 104 million hatching eggs, up 11% and 4% respectively from 1990. The average number of layers on hand during October was 13.2 million, up 6% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.5 million for table eggs and 5.7 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs. (See table page 3).

The nation's laying flocks produced 5.87 billion eggs during October 1991, up 2% from the 5.79 billion eggs produced a year ago. Production included 5.06 billion table eggs, 751 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 63.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The average number of layers during October was 276 million, up 2% from the 270 million head a year ago. The October 1991 egg production averaged 2,131 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 2,145 eggs per 100 layers in October 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1991, totaled 277 million, compared with 270 million a year ago. The 277 million layers consisted of 234 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.88 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1991, averaged 69.1 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 69.8 eggs per 100 layers.

OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during October 1991 totaled 124 million pounds, down 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 97,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,275 pounds, was up 5 pounds from October 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during October totaled 10.2 billion pounds, slightly less than production in these same states in October 1990. September revised production, at 9.93 billion pounds, was slightly below September 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,219 for October, 19 pounds more than October 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.37 million head, 149,000 head less than October 1990 and 5,000 less than September 1991.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 1991, totaled 28.7 million, 1% less than a year earlier. The 22.1 million poults placed during October 1991 in the United States were 3% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS — NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	9,973	9,740	98	5,403	5,311	98
East North Central	4,514	4,771	106	7,939	7,481	94
West North Central	9,313	7,900	85	3,743	4,188	112
South Atlantic	157,053	166,185	106	4,239	3,902	92
South Central	197,077	207,557	105	2,869	4,233	148
West	19,976	19,994	100	3,311	4,358	132
UNITED STATES	397,906	416,147	105	27,504	29,473	107

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during October 1991 totaled 63.0 million pounds, up 40 percent from a year ago. Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.71 billion pounds, six percent above a year earlier.

Beef production totaled 2.12 billion pounds. This was up three percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.93 million, down one percent. The average live weight increased 46 pounds to 1,195. **Veal production** at 27.0 million pounds was down 11 percent. Calf slaughter totaled 130,600 head, down 20 percent. The average live weight increased 54 pounds to 355. **Pork production** at 1.53 billion pounds was up ten percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.50 million head, up ten percent from last year. The average live weight increased three pounds to 252. **Lamb and mutton production** at 32.0 million pounds was up one percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 522,600 head, up three percent. The average live weight decreased three pounds to 121.

January-September red meat production was 32.8 billion pounds, up two percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up slightly while veal was down seven percent, pork was up four percent, and lamb and mutton was up slightly.

MILK PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1991 As % of 1990
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**100**	**97**	**1,270**	**1,275**	**127**	**124**	**98**
Florida	178	177	1,060	1,040	189	184	97
Maryland	104	104	1,085	1,105	113	115	102
Virginia	142	140	1,190	1,205	169	169	100
21 STATES	8,516	8,367	1,200	1,219	10,223	10,198	100

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators November 1			Poults Placed During Oct. [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**9,688**	**9,810**	**101**	**8,199**	**8,404**	**103**
East North Central	3,924	3,893	99	2,903	3,227	111
West North Central	8,136	7,782	96	5,421	5,919	109
South Central	3,538	3,622	102	2,106	1,990	94
West	3,605	3,632	101	2,888	2,549	88
UNITED STATES	28,891	28,739	99	21,517	22,089	103

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP NORTH CAROLINA DOWN

Nationally, the October 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 528 million, was 3% above October of last year. There were 416 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 1991, up 5% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.93 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 1991, up 1% from October 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 46.0 million broiler chicks during October 1991, down 1% from the 46.4 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED — OCTOBER

STATE	BROILER—TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**46,364**	**45,998**	**99**
Alabama	81,106	82,966	102
Arkansas	91,108	92,683	102
Delaware	14,845	14,973	101
Florida	10,785	12,962	120
Georgia	74,370	73,130	98
Maryland	30,273	30,063	99
Mississippi	33,058	37,332	113
Pennsylvania	10,455	10,869	104
South Carolina	6,442	8,019	124
Texas	31,782	33,190	104
Virginia	14,102	16,532	117
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	25,869	25,578	99
Washington & Oregon	4,634	4,752	103
Other States [1]	35,637	38,455	108
UNITED STATES	510,830	527,502	103
15 STATES [2]	470,559	484,295	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U.S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 33.7 million, up 6% from October 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on November 1, 1991, up 7% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 255,000 during October 1991, up 65% from October 1990.

CHICKS HATCHED — OCTOBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	923	918	99
Florida	1,825	1,768	97
Georgia	942	1,279	136
Indiana	5,323	5,976	112
Iowa	2,277	2,256	99
Kansas	258	277	107
Minnesota	1,329	2,080	157
Missouri	451	361	80
Pennsylvania	3,976	4,093	103
Other States [1]	14,622	14,707	101
UNITED STATES	31,926	33,715	106

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	199	167	139	83	2,558	2,553	2,375
March	215	217	279	129	2,525	2,666	2,322
April	330	173	231	134	2,609	2,519	2,337
May	131	202	250	124	2,586	2,485	2,437
June	284	242	179	74	2,684	2,394	
July	270	321	213	66	2,653	2,476	
August	166	279	226	81	2,660	2,406	
September	318	171	186	109	2,628	2,378	
October	189	155	255	165	2,630	2,440	
November	262	171			2,473	2,498	
December	147	229			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For October 1991, includes pullet chicks placed April 1990 through March 1991.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, September - October, 1991 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**47**	**28**	**5.44**	**5.82**
New York	31	30	6.18	5.75
Pennsylvania	36	38	5.67	5.88
Florida	45	60	6.25	6.37
Michigan	37	30	6.30	6.25
Wisconsin	28	35	4.84	4.77
Texas	41	50	4.89	5.26
New Mexico	8	7	5.17	4.92
Oregon	36	34	6.01	6.11
Washington	40	55	6.40	6.80
California	200	191	6.33	6.32

[1] Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. September survey week September 8-14, 1991 and October survey week October 6-12, 1991. [2] Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.

OCTOBER WAGE RATES INCREASE

There were 3.29 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 6-12, 1991. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.49 million of the total, along with 515 thousand unpaid workers, and 996 thousand workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 287 thousand workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $5.88 per hour during the October 1991 survey week. This rate was up 24 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.70 per hour compared with $5.44 last October. Field workers received an average of $5.67 per hour, up 26 cents from the October 1990 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.32 compared with $5.00 per hour a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 41.9 hours, 1.9 hours more than the comparable week in 1990. Unpaid workers averaged 38.0 hours, one-half hour above last year. Hired employees worked 42.2 hours compared to 41.3 hours in October of last year.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 37 percent of the hired workers during the survey week. This compares with 42 percent last year.

WORKERS ON FARMS, OCTOBER 6-12, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**144**	**131**	**67**	**69**	**19**	**20**	**58**	**42**	**26**	**28**	**32**	**14**
Appalachian II	191	231	132	145	23	36	36	50	25	24	11	26
Southeast	130	115	73	75	18	12	39	28	29	21	10	7
U.S. (49 States) [4]	3,002	3,022	1,491	1,559	515	528	996	935	652	648	344	287

[1] Survey period in 1990 was October 7-13. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Excludes AK.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], OCTOBER 6-12, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**5.33**	**4.59**	**5.26**	**4.39**	**7.37**	**7.39**	[4]	[4]	**5.32**	**4.68**	[4]	[4]	**5.89**	**4.88**
Appalachian II	5.11	4.43	5.28	4.79	[4]	7.69	[4]	6.94	5.37	4.61	[4]	[4]	5.34	5.41
Southeast	4.87	4.97	5.38	4.63	8.91	8.94	5.80	[4]	5.10	5.15	[4]	6.68	5.63	4.82
U.S. (49 States) [5]	5.67	5.41	5.32	5.00	8.50	8.52	7.32	7.14	5.70	5.44	6.54	6.83	6.11	5.84

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1990 was October 7-13. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category. [5] Excludes AK.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], OCTOBER 6-12, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**35.4**	**35.2**	**34.2**	**35.3**	**38.4**	**36.4**	**5.43**	**4.73**
Appalachian II	27.0	27.1	28.8	30.2	33.6	30.0	5.39	4.94
Southeast	31.0	27.3	29.8	26.8	38.0	37.8	5.35	5.16
U.S. (49 States) [4]	41.9	40.0	38.0	37.5	42.2	41.3	5.88	5.64

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1990 was October 7-13. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Excludes AK.

EGG PRODUCTION — OCTOBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		*Millions Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,450**	**13,220**	**239**	**258**	**139**	**154**	**100**	**104**
Alabama	9,448	9,539	189	186	85	78	104	108
Florida	10,810	9,818	222	202	205	186	17	16
Georgia	17,579	18,145	361	375	241	249	120	126
South Carolina	5,456	5,716	122	127	111	114	11	13
UNITED STATES	269,599	275,522	5,785	5,872	5,021	5,058	764	814

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES DOWN

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 7 states preparing monthly estimates totaled 7.94 million head, down 9% from a year ago but up slightly from November 1, 1989.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 states during October totaled 2.48 million, down 10% from last year and 7% below October 1989. Net placements of 2.40 million for October were down 10% from last year and down 7% from 1989.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.62 million, up 1% from last year but 1% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 77,000 head compared to 87,000 in October 1990 and 71,000 in October 1989.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, AUGUST 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	August 1			**September 1**		
Arizona	158	138	87	165	134	81
California	420	320	76	425	340	80
Colorado	680	800	118	680	730	107
Iowa	775	755	97	760	660	87
Kansas	1,360	1,485	109	1,420	1,485	105
Nebraska	1,580	1,750	111	1,540	1,670	108
Texas	2,030	2,100	103	2,000	1,990	100
7 STATES	7,003	7,348	105	6,990	7,009	100
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	October 1			**November 1**		
Arizona	180	151	84	204	193	95
California	450	355	79	460	360	78
Colorado	795	770	97	965	900	93
Iowa	775	620	80	840	710	85
Kansas	1,570	1,500	96	1,780	1,650	93
Nebraska	1,780	1,800	101	2,150	1,980	92
Texas	2,120	1,960	92	2,330	2,150	92
7 STATES	7,670	7,156	93	8,729	7,943	91

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GENERAL SITUATION

The dry conditions which began in October across the Tar Heel State continued during the first couple of weeks of November. Soil moisture supplies and pasture conditions were affected adversely by the dry conditions. The dry weather also hampered the emergence of the small grain crop. Conditions improved as rain fell across most the state during the last of November and first of December. As of December 8, 1991 soil moisture supplies were rated 21% short, 74% adequate and 5% surplus. Most weather reporting stations indicate below normal precipitation since September 1.

As of December 8, 94% of the cotton harvest had been completed. The soybean harvest was 85% completed compared to 89% last year and the average of 79%. Wheat seeding had reached 93% completed with 74% of the crop emerged. The condition of the emerging wheat crop was rated 1% poor, 29% fair, 69% good and 1% excellent.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

A major winter storm brought snow and record cold temperatures to the wheat producing area from the Great Basin to the northern Plains in early November. Fortunately, seeding was complete or nearly so in most of the northernly states and emergence had occurred on most of the acreage. Seeding was in the early stages in California and Georgia, in full swing in the south, and was well along in the Pacific Northwest. Extreme cold slowed crop emergence across the central states during the first half of November. Crop condition for much of the acreage in Kansas rated poor or very poor due to extreme drought. Significant precipitation fell across most of the nation during the second half of November, easing concerns over low soil moisture. Seeding was continuing in California and the southeast at month's end.

BURLEY TOBACCO, DECEMBER 1, 1991

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
	Acres			Pounds			Thousand Pounds		
North Carolina	**7,700**	**8,200**	**8,900**	**1,680**	**2,195**	**2,000**	**12,936**	**17,999**	**17,800**
Indianna	6,100	6,400	7,200	2,170	2,100	2,100	13,237	13,440	15,120
Kentucky	169,000	185,000	213,000	2,060	2,270	2,150	348,140	419,950	457,950
Missouri [1]	2,500	2,600	3,000	2,180	2,280	2,150	5,450	5,928	6,450
Ohio	9,100	9,700	10,500	1,750	1,950	2,150	15,925	18,915	22,575
Tennessee	38,000	46,000	53,000	1,720	2,060	2,000	65,360	94,760	106,000
Virginia	10,500	11,000	12,000	1,870	2,055	2,200	19,635	22,605	26,400
West Virginia [1]	1,450	1,700	1,900	1,300	1,600	1,600	1,885	2,720	3,040
United States	244,350	270,600	309,500	1,975	2,204	2,117	482,568	596,317	655,335

[1] *Estimate for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.*

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION FORECAST UP

The North Carolina burley tobacco crop is forecast at 17.8 million pounds, up five percent from the November 1 forecast but one percent less than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds, 195 pounds less than the 1990 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 8,900, unchanged from last month but nine percent more than 1990.

U.S. burley tobacco production is forecast at 655 million pounds, ten percent above a year ago and fractionally above the November 1 forecast. The increase from last year came from a greater acreage which was moderated by lower yields. Area harvested is up 14 percent from a year earlier. Yield is expected to average 2,117 pounds per acre, 87 pounds less than in 1990.

Burley auction markets opened November 25. Gross sales for the first seven sale days totaled 239 million pounds compared with 253 million pounds for the first seven days a year ago.

U.S. COTTON GINNINGS

Ginnings totaled 13,275,100 running bales ginned prior to December 1, compared with 12,428,045 running bales for the same date last year and 10,352,900 running bales in 1989.

U.S. COTTONSEED UP 16 PERCENT

Production for 1991, based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio, is expected to total 6.94 million tons, up 16 percent from the 1990 production of 5.97 million tons.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in November 1991 was $1.660 per pound, down 12.0 cents from the previous month and 2.5 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn at $2.64 per bushel were up 7 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.37 per bushel, were down 14 cents from the previous month. Peanuts, at 26.7 cents per pound, were down 3.0 cents.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in November, at $37.40 per hundredweight, were down $4.20 from October and $9.70 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 28.0 cents per pound, were down 1.5 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 36.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 48.4 cents per dozen, were down 1.9 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.40 per hundredweight, was up 50 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 18.7 cents per pound, were .6 cents below the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Nov. 1990	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Nov. 1990	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.685	1.780	1.660	1.740	1.780	1.685
Corn	Bu.	2.55	2.57	2.64	2.16	2.30	2.29
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.16	1.24	1.20
Soybeans	Bu.	5.60	5.51	5.37	5.77	5.49	5.42
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.355	.297	.267 [4]	.399	.281	.265 [4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	47.10	41.60	37.40	50.20	43.60	38.20
Milk Cows	Hd.	-	1130.00	-	-	1100.00	-
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.270	.295	.280	.279	.311	.296
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.470	.350	.360	.423	.389	.400
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.623	.503	.484	.659	.553	.550
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.30	14.90	15.40	12.70	13.40	13.70
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.24	4.25	4.13
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.188	.193	.187	.196	.249	.253
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	81.40	68.80	69.10

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*
[4] *Based on sales during the first half of the month.*

PEANUT STOCKS FOR UNITED STATES UP 49 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 4.21 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock on October 31, 1991, compared to 2.82 billion pounds last year. This total includes 3.53 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 645 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 32.6 million pounds. There were 649 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of October 31, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 485 million pounds of which 437 million pounds were edible grades and 47.9 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 105 million pounds; Runners, 308 million pounds; and Spanish, 24.2 million pounds.

October millings totaled 615 million pounds. Millings by type were 165 million pounds of Virginias, 405 million pounds of Runners, and 44.7 million pounds of Spanish.

Commercial processors utilized 149 million pounds of shelled edible grade peanuts during October. Utilization for all peanut butter products was 79.5 million pounds, utilization for peanut candy was 22.2 million pounds, and utilization for snack peanuts was 43.1 million pounds. Crushing for oil, cake, and meal totaled 45.3 million pounds during the month.

Deliveries under the government domestic feeding and child nutrition programs amounted to 4,962,487 pounds of peanut butter, 1,501,200 pounds of roasted peanuts, and 323,400 pounds of peanut granules during the month of October.

Stocks of treated seed on hand October 31 totaled 314,000 pounds, compared with 319,000 pounds on September 30, 1991. Of the October total, 2,000 pounds were Virginias and Valencias, 304,000 pounds were Runners, and 8,000 pounds were Spanish. September stocks of treated seed included 2,000 pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 309,000 pounds of Runners, and 8,000 pounds of Spanish.

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST UP

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 650,000 bales, 20,000 bales more than the November 1 forecast and more than double the 1990 production. This is the highest production since 1948. This forecast is based primarily on reports from cotton ginners as of December 1. Acreage harvested is estimated at 456,000 acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 256,000 acres from the 1990 harvested acreage and is the highest since 1955. The resulting yield of 684 pounds per acre is 53 pounds more than last season's yield.

The U.S. December 1 forecast of all cotton production is 18.0 million bales, down one percent from the November 1 forecast and up 16 percent from last year's production. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 17.6 million bales, while Pima production will be 414,100 bales. Total area for harvest is estimated at 13.3 million acres, up 14 percent from 1990. Yield is expected to average 648 pounds per acre, one pound below November and up 14 pounds from last year.

The forecast in the southeastern states (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina) puts production at 2.20 million bales, a three percent increase from last month and 85 percent above the 1990 production. Upland cotton production in Texas and Oklahoma is forecast at 5.55 million bales, nine percent below November 1 but four percent above the 1990 production. The Delta states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) expect to produce 6.32 million bales, four percent above the November 1 forecast and up 28 percent from 1990.

UPLAND COTTON, December 1, 1991

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION [1]		
	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991	1989	1990	Indicated 1991
	Thousand Acres			*Pounds*			*Thousand Bales* [2]		
North Carolina	**110.0**	**200.0**	**456.0**	**615**	**631**	**684**	**141.0**	**263.0**	**650.0**
Alabama	322.0	378.0	425.0	571	476	587	383.0	375.0	520.0
Arizona	239.0	348.0	359.0	1,303	1,110	1,190	649.0	805.0	890.0
Arkansas	595.0	750.0	950.0	687	692	783	851.0	1,081.0	1,550.0
California	1,040.0	1,090.0	945.0	1,228	1,204	1,244	2,661.0	2,734.0	2,450.0
Florida [3]	25.0	36.0	50.0	557	640	720	29.0	48.0	75.0
Georgia	260.0	350.0	425.0	631	555	791	342.0	405.0	700.0
Kansas [3]	.4	1.2	1.8	240	280	320	.2	.7	1.2
Louisiana	620.0	790.0	800.0	672	715	834	868.0	1,177.0	1,390.0
Mississippi	1,020.0	1,220.0	1,240.0	732	728	871	1,555.0	1,850.0	2,250.0
Missouri	209.0	235.0	305.0	618	641	669	269.0	314.0	425.0
New Mexico	55.0	62.0	63.0	698	735	648	80.0	95.0	85.0
Oklahoma	340.0	370.0	390.0	244	496	308	173.0	382.0	250.0
South Carolina	118.0	154.0	208.0	626	452	762	154.0	145.0	330.0
Tennessee	460.0	515.0	600.0	497	461	560	476.0	495.0	700.0
Texas	3,750.0	5,000.0	5,850.0	367	477	435	2,870.0	4,965.0	5,300.0
Virginia	2.6	5.3	17.5	498	562	675	2.7	6.2	24.6
UNITED STATES	9,166.0	11,504.5	13,085.3	602	632	645	11,503.9	15,140.9	17,590.8

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales. [3] Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Nov. 15 1989 [1]	Nov. 15 1990 [1]	Oct. 15 1991 [1]	Nov. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	238	240	239	228
All Crops	243	248	254	240
Tobacco	251	257	271	253
Oil Bearing	221	249	227	213
Grains	197	186	187	192
Commercial Vegetables	274	203	194	194
Fruits	258	314	319	313
Livestock and Livestock Products	228	226	213	207
Meat Animals	252	274	247	235
Poultry	206	198	189	182
Dairy	259	239	233	240
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	269	265	261	258
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	383	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	68	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The November 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 228% of its 1967 base, was down 11 points from October. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, soybeans, peanuts, hogs, broilers, eggs, and apples.The index was 12 points below a year earlier.

The November 1991 "All Crops" index, at 240, was down 14 points from the previous month and 8 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for November 1991, at 207, was down 6 points from the previous month and 19 points below the previous year.

Meat Animals index for November 1991, at 235, was down 12 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 182, was down 7 points. The dairy index, at 240, was up 7 points from a month earlier.

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NORTH CAROLINA COTTON PRODUCTION HIGHEST SINCE 1948

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 650,000 bales. This production is more than double the 1990 production and is the highest in 43 years. Yield per acre is forecast at 684 pounds, up 53 pounds from 1990 and only 15 pounds below the record set in 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON
1981 - 1991

	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91
HARVESTED ACRES	82	70	59	96	87	81	95	124	110	200	456
BALES	95	102	43	120	117	109	98	133	141	263	650

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HOG INVENTORY UP

North Carolina hog producers had a record high inventory of 3.55 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 1991, up 27% from a year earlier. Breeding stock at 430,000 head was up 30% from the previous year while market hogs, totaling 3.12 million head, were up 26%.

Tar Heel producers intend to farrow 200,000 sows during each of the next two quarters--December 1991-February 1992 and March-May 1992. If these intentions materialize, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 55,000 head or 16% over the same period last year.

During the past six month period, June-November, North Carolina producers farrowed 390,000 sows, up 26% from the comparable period a year earlier. Pigs per litter averaged 8.65--a new record high. The pig crop totaled 3,373,000 head, up 31% from the previous year.

Hogs and pigs on farms December 1, 1991 in the United States are estimated at 57.0 million head, up 5% from a year earlier. Breeding inventory, at 7.22 million head, was up 5% from the same period last year. Market hogs totaled 49.8 million head, 5% above a year ago.

Nationally, producers intend to farrow 6.22 million sows during the December 1991-May 1992 period. If realized, farrowings will be 4% above the same period last year.

The U.S. June-November 1991 pig crop totaled 47.6 million head, 6% above the previous year. The average litter size was 7.89 pigs, up slightly from last year's record high.

HOGS AND PIGS - DECEMBER 1, 1991 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, 1990-1992

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
NUMBER ON FARMS DEC. 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,800	3,550	127	54,477	56,974	105
Kept for breeding	330	430	130	6,870	7,224	105
Market	2,470	3,120	126	47,607	49,750	105
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,055	1,350	128	17,866	18,543	104
60-119 Lbs.	565	700	124	12,206	12,704	104
120-179 Lbs.	455	580	127	9,641	10,202	106
180 Lbs. and Over	395	490	124	7,894	8,302	105
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,650	3,150	119	53,850	56,390	105
Kept for breeding	320	375	117	7,075	7,500	106
Market	2,330	2,775	119	46,775	48,890	105
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	150	165	110	2,602	2,711	104
March-May	160	180	113	3,143	3,285	105
December[1]-May	310	345	111	5,745	5,996	104
June-August	150	190	127	2,879	3,097	108
September-November	160	200	125	2,838	2,941	104
June-November	310	390	126	5,717	6,038	106
PIG CROP:						
December[1]-February	1,215	1,361	112	20,362	21,325	105
March-May	1,312	1,566	119	24,959	26,142	105
December[1]-May	2,527	2,927	116	45,321	47,467	105
June-August	1,230	1,653	134	22,745	24,432	107
September-November	1,344	1,720	128	22,194	23,208	105
June-November	2,574	3,373	131	44,939	47,640	106
	Number			Number		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December[1]-February	8.10	8.25	102	7.83	7.87	101
March-May	8.20	8.70	106	7.94	7.96	100
December[1]-May	8.15	8.48	104	7.89	7.92	100
June-August	8.20	8.70	106	7.90	7.89	100
September-November	8.40	8.60	102	7.82	7.89	101
June-November	8.30	8.65	104	7.86	7.89	100
	Sows to Farrow		1992 As % Of 1991	Sows to Farrow		1992 As % Of 1991
	1991	1992		1991	1992	
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	165	200	121	2,711	2,900	107
March-May	180	200	111	3,285	3,319	101
December[1]-May	345	400	116	5,996	6,219	104

[1] December preceding year.

PEANUT STOCKS UP 33 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

United States peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 3.97 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.98 billion pounds last year. This total includes 3.17 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 758 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 42.2 million pounds. There were 874 million pounds of commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of November 30, 1991.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 570 million pounds of which 539 million pounds were edible grades and 30.9 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 119 million pounds; Runners, 382 million pounds; and Spanish, 37.9 million pounds.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 30.3 million, up 1% from November 1990. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.0 million on December 1, 1991, up 2% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210,000 during November 1991, up 23% from November 1990.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the November 1991 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 508 million, was 4% above November of last year. There were 465 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 1991, up 4% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.81 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 1991, up 2% from November 1990.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 47.4 million broiler chicks during November 1991, up 2% from a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - NOVEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,155	1,102	95
Florida	1,859	1,952	105
Georgia	1,367	1,420	104
Indiana	5,052	5,203	103
Iowa	1,714	2,065	120
Kansas	338	279	83
Minnesota	1,647	1,583	96
Missouri	596	313	53
Pennsylvania	3,800	3,399	89
Other States [1]	12,521	13,013	104
UNITED STATES	30,049	30,329	101

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - NOVEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**46,594**	**47,443**	**102**
Alabama	76,735	78,629	102
Arkansas	87,200	84,546	97
Delaware	13,617	14,307	105
Florida	9,621	11,385	118
Georgia	69,233	70,271	101
Maryland	30,060	29,969	100
Mississippi	30,974	36,413	118
Pennsylvania	10,325	10,299	100
South Carolina	6,208	7,807	126
Texas	28,717	32,540	113
Virginia	13,424	15,958	119
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	27,057	27,331	101
Washington & Oregon	4,697	4,702	100
Other States [1]	36,017	36,388	101
UNITED STATES	490,479	507,988	104
15 STATES [2]	449,765	466,898	104

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during November 1991 totaled 126 million pounds, down 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 99,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,270 pounds, was unchanged from November 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major state during November totaled 9.91 billion pounds, 1% less than production in these same states in November 1990. October revised production at 10.2 billion pounds was slightly below October 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,185 for November, 14 pounds more than November 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.36 million head, 180,000 head less than November 1990 and 12,000 less than October 1991.

MILK PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1991 As % of 1990
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**101**	**99**	**1,270**	**1,270**	**128**	**126**	**98**
Florida	182	176	1,120	1,100	204	194	95
Maryland	105	104	1,075	1,075	113	112	99
Virginia	142	140	1,185	1,200	168	168	100
21 STATES	8,540	8,360	1,171	1,185	9,998	9,905	99

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during November 1991 totaled 63.0 million pounds, up 44% from a year ago. Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.32 billion pounds, 2% above a year earlier.

U. S. **beef production** totaled 1.81 billion pounds. This was down 2% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.58 million, down 5%. The average live weight increased 35 pounds to 1,179. **Veal production**, at 26.0 million pounds was down 8%. Calf slaughter totaled 128,300 head, down 16%. The average live weight increased 51 pounds to 343. **Pork production**, at 1.46 billion pounds was up 6% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.94 million head, up 5% from last year. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 256. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 29.0 million pounds was down 5% from last year. Slaughter totaled 467,400 head, down 3%. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 123.

January-November red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, up 2% from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up slightly, while veal was down 7%, pork was up 4%, and lamb and mutton was down slightly.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 1991, totaled 29.8 million, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. The 22.2 million poults placed during November 1991 in the United States were 2% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators December 1			Poults Placed During Nov. [1]		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**10,304**	**10,763**	**104**	**7,559**	**7,710**	**103**
East North Central	3,715	3,989	107	2,775	3,051	110
West North Central	7,895	7,720	98	5,952	5,862	98
South Central	3,816	3,830	100	2,853	2,809	98
West	3,936	3,478	88	2,732	2,799	102
UNITED STATES	29,666	29,780	100	21,871	22,231	102

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - DECEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	**11,111**	**12,007**	**109**	**5,774**	**6,001**	**104**
East North Central	5,159	4,781	93	7,763	7,645	98
West North Central	9,780	9,333	95	4,030	4,631	115
South Atlantic	175,814	182,494	104	5,148	4,933	96
South Central	225,403	235,104	104	3,582	4,251	119
West	22,322	21,726	97	3,975	3,520	89
UNITED STATES	449,528	465,445	104	30,272	30,981	102

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1991 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1989	1990	1991	1990	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			Percent	Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	142	149	79	53	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	199	167	139	83	2,558	2,553	2,375
March	215	217	279	129	2,525	2,666	2,322
April	330	173	231	134	2,609	2,519	2,337
May	131	202	250	124	2,586	2,485	2,437
June	284	242	179	74	2,684	2,394	2,476
July	270	321	213	66	2,653	2,476	
August	166	279	226	81	2,660	2,406	
September	318	171	186	109	2,628	2,378	
October	189	155	255	165	2,630	2,440	
November	262	171	210	123	2,473	2,498	
December	147	229			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,653	2,476					

[1] *Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.* [2] *For November1991, includes pullet chicks placed May 1990 through Apr. 1991.*

NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 250 million eggs during November 1991, up 3% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 147 million table eggs and 103 million hatching eggs, up 7% and 5% respectively from 1990. The average number of layers on hand during November was 13.1 million, up 5% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.3 million for table eggs and 5.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

The Nation's laying flocks produced 17.3 billion eggs during the September through November quarter, up 2% from the corresponding quarter a year ago. Production included 14.9 billion for table eggs, 2.20 billion for broiler-type hatching eggs and 185 million egg-type hatching eggs. Layers for the quarter averaged 276 million, up 3% from the 267 million a year ago.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.80 billion during November 1991, 2% above a year ago. Production included 5.01 billion table eggs, 732 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 59 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during November averaged 278 million, up 3% from a year ago. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,087 eggs, compared with 2,099 in November 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 1991 totaled 278 million, up 3% from the 272 million layers a year ago. The 278 million layers consisted of 235 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 1991, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 69.8 eggs per 100 layers on December 1, 1990.

EGG PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands				Million Eggs			
North Carolina	**12,443**	**13,111**	**236**	**250**	**138**	**147**	**98**	**103**
Alabama	9,391	9,694	182	187	84	83	98	104
Florida	11,093	9,678	225	203	209	188	16	15
Georgia	17,810	18,417	360	373	245	253	115	120
South Carolina	5,598	5,645	120	122	110	110	10	12
UNITED STATES	270,962	277,982	5,689	5,802	4,954	5,011	735	791

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES DOWN

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 7 states preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.38 million head, down 8% from a year ago but 1% above December 1, 1989. Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 states during November totaled 1.84 million, down 8% from both last year and 1989. Net placements of 1.76 million for November were down 8% from both last year and 1989.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.33 million, down 12% from last year and 11% below two years ago. This is the lowest November marketings since 1981. Other disappearance totaled 82,000 head compared to 95,000 in November 1990, and 91,000 in November 1989.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	September 1			**October 1**		
Arizona	165	134	81	180	151	84
California	425	340	80	450	355	79
Colorado	680	730	107	795	770	97
Iowa	760	660	87	775	620	80
Kansas	1,420	1,485	105	1,570	1,500	96
Nebraska	1,540	1,670	108	1,780	1,800	101
Texas	2,000	1,990	100	2,120	1,960	92
7 STATES	6,990	7,009	100	7,670	7,156	93
	1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	November 1			**December 1**		
Arizona	204	193	95	224	227	101
California	460	370*	80	470	385	82
Colorado	965	900	93	1,025	920	90
Iowa	840	710	85	960	780	81
Kansas	1,780	1,650	93	1,800	1,740	97
Nebraska	2,150	1,980	92	2,320	2,130	92
Texas	2,330	2,150	92	2,330	2,200	94
7 STATES	8,729	7,953	91	9,129	8,382	92

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TURKEYS RAISED IN 1991 UP

North Carolina turkey producers raised 58.0 million turkeys in 1991, unchanged from the previous year. Turkeys raised in the United States during 1991 totaled 285 million, 1% more than the 282 million turkeys raised during 1990.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 58.0 million followed by Minnesota with 44.0 million; California with 29.0 million; Arkansas with 24.0 million; Missouri with 21.5 million; and Virginia with 17.3 million. These states account for over two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1991.

Turkey growers in 20 major producing states intend to raise 272 million turkeys in 1992, up 1% from the 270 million in 1991. The number of turkeys actually raised in 1992 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED

STATE	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1992 [1]	1992 As % Of 1991
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*	*Percent*
North Carolina	**58,000**	**58,000**	**100**	**60,000**	**103**
Arkansas	22,000	24,000	109	24,500	102
California	31,500	29,000	92	24,500	84
Colorado	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Georgia	2,010	1,900	95	1,650	87
Indiana	13,700	15,000	109	15,500	103
Iowa	8,800	8,700	99	8,400	97
Minnesota	46,300	44,000	95	45,000	102
Missouri	18,000	21,500	119	24,000	112
North Dakota	1,320	1,300	98	1,300	100
Ohio	4,750	4,500	95	4,700	104
Oklahoma	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Oregon	2,300	2,350	102	2,300	98
Pennsylvania	8,430	8,400	100	8,600	102
South Carolina	5,500	6,000	109	6,000	100
South Dakota	2,600	2,700	104	2,700	100
Texas	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Utah	3,930	4,050	103	3,600	89
Virginia	17,000	17,300	102	18,000	104
Wisconsin	[2]	[2]		[2]	
Other States [2]	20,300	20,800	102	21,250	102
20 STATE TOTAL	266,440	269,500	101	272,000	101
U.S. TOTAL	282,450	285,000	101		

[1] Intentions to raise turkeys made in 20 states only. [2] Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED

North Carolina farmers produced 650,000 bales of cotton in 1991. This is unchanged from the earlier forecast but more than double the 1990 production. Acres harvested at 457,000 are up 1,000 from December 1, up 257,000 acres from 1990 and are the highest since 1955. The average yield per acre of 683 pounds is 52 pounds above the previous year's average.

U.S. upland cotton production in 1991 is expected to total 17.1 million bales, 13 percent above the 1990 crop but 3 percent below the December 1 forecast. Ginnings totaled 15,891,400 running bales ginned prior to January 1, compared with 14,516,334 running bales for the same date last year and 11,547,775 running bales in 1989.

UPLAND COTTON, January 1, 1992

STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION [1]		
	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991
	Thousand Acres						*Pounds*			*Thousand Bales [2]*		
North Carolina	**12.0**	**201.0**	**460.0**	**110.0**	**200.0**	**457.0**	**615**	**631**	**683**	**141.0**	**263.0**	**650.0**
Alabama	328.0	380.0	415.0	322.0	378.0	410.0	571	476	626	383.0	375.0	535.0
Arizona [3]	240.0	350.0	360.0	239.0	348.0	359.0	1,303	1,119	1,190	649.0	811.0	890.0
Arkansas	610.0	770.0	1,000.0	595.0	750.0	980.0	687	692	759	851.0	1,081.0	1,550.0
California	1,050.0	1,100.0	970.0	1,040.0	1,090.0	960.0	1,228	1,204	1,250	2661.0	2734.0	2,500.0
Florida	25.5	37.0	50.0	25.0	36.0	49.0	557	640	696	29.0	48.0	71.0
Georgia	265.0	355.0	430.0	260.0	350.0	425.0	631	555	813	342.0	405.0	720.0
Kansas	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.2	1.8	240	280	320	0.2	0.7	1.2
Louisiana	645.0	810.0	875.0	620.0	790.0	820.0	672	715	825	868.0	1,177.0	1,410.0
Mississippi	1,050.0	1,230.0	1,245.0	1,020.0	1,220.0	1,230.0	732	728	878	1,555.0	1,850.0	2,250.0
Missouri	214.0	248.0	332.0	209.0	235.0	327.0	618	641	621	269.0	314.0	423.0
N. Mexico	61.0	69.0	69.0	55.0	62.0	65.0	698	735	554	80.0	95.0	75.0
Oklahoma	370.0	380.0	440.0	340.0	370.0	380.0	244	496	316	173.0	382.0	250.0
South Carolina	120.0	155.0	211.0	118.0	154.0	210.0	626	452	777	154.0	145.0	340.0
Tennessee	465.0	525.0	620.0	460.0	515.0	610.0	497	461	551	476.0	495.0	700.0
Texas	4,650.0	5,500.0	6,400.0	3,750.0	5,000.0	5,300.0	367	477	430	2,870.0	4,965.0	4,750.0
Virginia	2.7	5.3	18.0	2.6	5.3	18.0	498	562	728	2.7	6.2	27.3
U.S.	10,209.7	12,116.8	13,897.0	9,166.0	11,504.5	12,601.8	602	632	653	11,503.9	15,146.9	17,142.5

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales. [3] 1990 revised.

N.C. CORN STOCKS UP 15 PERCENT AND SOYBEAN STOCKS UP FIVE PERCENT

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on December 1, 1991, totaled 60.4 million bushels, 15 percent more than the same quarter in 1990. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 34.5 million bushels, up 19 percent from 1990. Off-farm holdings totaled 25.9 million bushels, up nine percent from a year earlier.

North Carolina soybean stocks in all positions totaled 30.1 million bushels, five percent more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 14.0 million bushels, were up eight percent and off-farm stocks increased three percent from a year earlier to 16.1 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, DECEMBER 1, 1991, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1990	**1991**	1990	**1991**	1990	**1991**
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,000	17,500	24,245	18,008	41,245	35,508
June 1	7,000	12,000	13,139	11,176	20,139	23,176
September 1	1,800	4,800	5,344	5,441	7,144	10,241
December 1	29,000	**34,500**	23,747	**25,897**	52,747	**60,397**
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,500	7,000	12,314	9,551	19,814	16,551
June 1	2,200	3,200	5,485	5,404	7,685	8,604
September 1	1,200	1,300	4,124	2,341	5,324	3,641
December 1	13,000	**14,000**	15,651	**16,141**	28,651	**30,141**
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	150	320	[2]	4,125	[2]	4,445
June 1	100	150	1,406	2,369	1,506	2,519
September 1	2,000	1,600	8,686	10,645	10,686	12,245
December 1	1,600	**800**	6,300	**6,537**	7,900	**7,337**
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,910,500	3,064,500	1,901,921	1,724,474	4,812,421	4,788,974
June 1	1,623,500	1,755,000	1,219,708	1,236,957	2,843,208	2,991,957
September 1	754,800	691,200	589,657	830,045	1,344,457	1,521,245
December 1	4,874,000	**4,294,500**	2,066,289	**2,243,248**	6,940,289	**6,537,748**
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	376,000	532,920	567,109	863,336	943,109	1,396,256
June 1	212,500	341,210	323,955	524,706	536,455	865,916
September 1 [3]	1,000,000	828,000	1,409,865	1,212,719	2,409,865	2,040,719
December 1 [3]	763,200	**564,800**	1,145,062	**877,323**	1,908,262	**1,442,123**
SOYBEANS						
March 1	535,800	555,500	519,705	634,619	1,055,505	1,910,119
June 1	255,300	336,500	340,614	387,022	595,914	723,522
September 1	86,000	118,400	153,139	210,642	239,139	329,042
December 1	754,000	**810,000**	929,963	**968,381**	1,683,963	**1,778,381**
SORGHUM						
March 1	88,050	73,780	425,549	259,099	513,599	332,879
June 1	44,500	43,750	290,484	178,250	334,984	222,000
September 1	30,300	22,150	189,459	120,435	219,759	142,585
December 1	140,000	**110,200**	372,340	**339,224**	512,340	**449,424**

[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. [2] N.C. data not published separately. [3] Revised.

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY DECLINED

Capacity of off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 80.0 million bushels in North Carolina on December 1, 1991. This is an 11 percent decrease from December 1, 1990. The number of facilities, at 323, were down 31 from a year earlier.

Capacity of on-farm storage on December 1, 1991 totaled 110 million bushels, down eight percent from a year ago.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS MAY 1 & DECEMBER 1, 1990-91

YEAR	HAY STOCKS ON FARMS	
	May 1	December 1
	1,000 tons	
1990	244	768
1991	182	753

ON AND OFF FARM STORAGE CAPACITIES DECEMBER 1, 1990, 1991

YEAR	OFF FARM		ON FARM
	Number of Facilities	Rated Storage Capacity	Storage Capacity
		Thousand Bushels	*Million Bushels*
N.C.			
1990	354	90,240	120
1991	323	79,980	110
U.S.			
1990	13,214 [1]	9,089,300 [1]	12,400 [2]
1991	12,854	8,912,970	12,170 [2]

[1] Revised [2] Sampling error for 1990 is 1.3% and 1.6% for 1991.

N.C. HAY STOCKS

Hay stocks on North Carolina farms on December 1, 1991 totaled 753,000 tons, down two percent from the same period a year earlier. Hay stocks on May 1, 1991 totaled 182,000 tons, down 25 percent from the May 1, 1990 total.

N.C. WINTER WHEAT AND RYE SEEDINGS DOWN

Winter wheat seedings for the 1992 crop in North Carolina are estimated at 500,000 acres, down nine percent from the 1991 crop. Rye area seeded for 1992 is 90,000 acres, down 18 percent from last season.

U.S. winter wheat seedings for 1992 are estimated at 50.2 million acres, down two percent from 1991. The U.S. rye area seeded for 1992 is expected to total 1.59 million acres, down five percent from 1991.

WINTER WHEAT AND RYE SEEDINGS [1] SELECTED STATES

STATE	WINTER WHEAT				RYE			
	1990	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1990	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands Acres			*Percent*	*Thousands Acres*			*Percent*
North Carolina	**600**	**550**	**500**	**91**	**100**	**110**	**90**	**82**
Florida	65	50	55	110	-	-	-	-
Georgia	650	500	400	80	300	330	300	91
Kentucky	700	640	650	102	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	400	300	285	95	60	68	60	88
Tennessee	580	440	440	100	-	-	-	-
Virginia	290	280	270	96	110	100	105	105
U.S. TOTAL	56,948	51,049	50,215	98	1,625	1,671	1,585	95

[1] Total area seeded for all purposes.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Dec. 1990	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1991	Dec. 1990	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1991
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.740	1.765	1.775	1.750	1.820	1.800
Corn	Bu.	2.59	2.54	2.70	2.22	2.30	2.33
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.17	1.24	1.24
Soybeans	Bu.	5.55	5.37	5.30	5.72	5.48	5.39
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.428	[5]	[5]	.453	.244	.251[4]
Hogs, All	Cwt	45.70	37.20	39.20	47.80	38.00	38.80
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.280	.280	.280	.288	.296	.290
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.320	.360	.380	.369	.400	.409
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.655	.484	.574	.703	.550	.639
Milk, All	Cwt	13.60	15.20	15.70	11.70	13.80	13.90
Potatoes	Cwt	-	-	-	5.46	4.05	3.88
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.191	.187	.221	.208	.253	.257
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	79.50	69.10	68.40

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Based on sales during the first half of the month. [5] Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual reports.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in December 1991 was $1.775 per pound, up 1.0 cent from the previous month and 3.5 cents above a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.70 per bushel, were up 16 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.30 per bushel, were down 7 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in December, at $39.20 per hundredweight, were up $2.00 from November but $6.50 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 28.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month. Turkeys, at 38.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 57.4 cents per dozen, were up 9.0 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.70 per hundredweight, was up 50 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 22.1 cents per pound, were 3.4 cents above the previous month.

MILK PRODUCTION - DECEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Pounds 1990	Pounds 1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**101**	**98**	**1,330**	**1,330**	**134**	**130**	**97**
Florida	185	179	1,220	1,240	226	222	98
Maryland	107	102	1,120	1,125	120	115	96
Virginia	141	140	1,260	1,270	178	178	100
21 STATES	8,547	8,356	1,225	1,242	10,467	10,379	99

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during December 1991 totaled 130 million pounds, down 3% from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 98,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year. The average milk per cow at 1,330 pounds was the same as December 1990.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during December totaled 10.4 billion pounds, 1% below production in these same states in December 1990. November revised production, at 9.90 billion pounds, was 1% below November 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,242 pounds for December, 17 pounds above December 1990. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.36 million head, the same as November 1991 but 191,000 less than December 1990.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on January 1, 1992, averaged 18.0 pounds, 0.4 pound more than on January 1, 1991. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on January 1, 1992, averaged $7.69 per hundredweight, 15 cents less than the price on January 1, 1991.

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NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The December 1991 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 239% of its 1967 base, was up 5 points from November. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, corn, hogs, turkeys, eggs, milk, and apples. The index was 4 points below a year earlier.

The December 1991 "All Crops" index, at 253, was up 3 points from the previous month but 4 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for December 1991, at 214, was up 8 points from the previous month but 5 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for December 1991, at 237, was up 3 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 192, was up 10 points. The dairy index, at 245, was up 8 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Dec. 15 1989 [1]	Dec. 15 1990 [1]	Nov. 15 1991 [1]	Dec. 15 1991
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	241	243	234	239
All Crops	247	257	250	253
Tobacco	254	265	269	270
Oil Bearing	231	274	213	211
Grains	199	189	185	196
Commercial Vegetables	274	203	194	194
Fruits	263	317	313	345
Livestock and Livestock Products	231	219	206	214
Meat Animals	263	267	234	237
Poultry	204	197	182	192
Dairy	265	212	237	245
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	272	262	254	252
Prices Paid, Comodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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1991 ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

Flue-cured tobacco production in 1991 totaled 617 million pounds in North Carolina, down one percent from last year. The yield per acre is a record high 2, 318 pounds, up 66 pounds from 1990 and up 36 pounds from the previous record set in 1964. Record yields were also set for type 11 and type 13 tobacco. Growers received an average of $1.733 per pound for a value of $1.07 billion.

U.S. flue-cured production totaled 912 million pounds, three percent less than 1990.

Burley tobacco production for the state at 17.8 million pounds is down one percent from 1990. The value of the crop is estimated at $31.6 million.

U.S. burley production at 655 million was up ten percent from 1990 and was up 36 percent from 1989.

Cotton growers produced 650,000 bales in 1991 in North Carolina, more than double the 1990 production and the highest since 1948. Area harvested totaled 457 thousand acres compared with 200 thousand in 1990. Yield per acre averaged 683 pounds, up 52 pounds from 1990, and only 16 pounds below the record high yield set in 1982. The 1991 cotton crop was valued at $179 million, 106 percent more than last year's crop. Price per pound averaged 57.5 cents compared with 69.0 cents in 1990.

U.S. all cotton production at 17.5 million bales was up 13 percent from last year and was the largest production since 1937. Harvested area, at 12.8 million acres, was up nine percent from 1990. Yield per acre averaged 656 pounds, up 22 pounds from 1990.

Peanut farmers harvested 468 million pounds in 1991 in the state, down two percent from 1990. This production is the fourth highest on record but is 16 percent below the record set in 1981. Yield per acre averaged 2,870 pounds per acre on 163,000 acres. Value of the crop is estimated at $132 million.

U.S. production of peanuts in 1991 totaled a record high 4.94 billion pounds, 37 percent more than the 1990 crop and exceeded the previous record set in 1984 by 12 percent. Production in the Virginia-North Carolina area was down one percent from 1990 but the other Southeastern States were up 60% from the 1990 drought-stricken crop. The Southwest crop production was up 17 percent from 1990.

North Carolina **soybean** production totaled 38.6 million bushels for 1991, up 19 percent from 1990. Yield per acre averaged a record high 29.5 bushels, up 2.5 bushels from the previous record set in 1989 and 1988. Harvested area totaled 1.31 million acres, down three percent from last year. The crop was valued at $214 million, 17 percent more than last year's value of $184 million. Farmers received an average price of $5.55 per bushel compared with $5.68 received in 1990.

U.S. soybean production totaled 1.99 billion bushels in 1991, three percent above the 1990 production. Yield per acre averaged a record high 34.3 bushels in 1991, 0.2 bushel above the previous record high set in 1985 and tied in 1990. Harvested area totaled 58.0 million acres, three percent more than 1990.

Corn for grain production in 1991 totaled 85.5 million bushels, up 18 percent from the 1990 production of 72.8 million bushels. Harvested area for the state totaled 950 thousand, compared with 1.07 million in 1990. Yield per acre averaged 90 bushels, up 22 bushels from 1990. The value of the 1991 crop totaled $222 million, up 21 percent from 1990. Farmers received an average price of $2.60 per bushel, compared with $2.53 in 1990.

U.S. corn for grain production for 1991 totaled 7.47 billion bushels, six percent less than the 1990 crop. Yield per acre averaged 108.6 bushels compared with 118.5 bushels in 1990. Harvested area totaled 68.8 million acres, up three percent from the 67.0 million acres harvested in 1990.

North Carolina **sweetpotato** production in 1991 totaled 4.05 million cwt., 18 percent below the 1990 production and one percent below the production in 1989. Harvested area, at 30 thousand acres, is down 12 percent from 1990. Average yield per acre is estimated at 135 cwt., 10 cwt. below a year ago. The sweetpotato crop was valued at $45.0 million, up nine percent from 1990. The average price, at $11.10 per cwt., was 32 percent above the previous year.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes is estimated at 11.5 million cwt. for 1991, down nine percent from a year earlier but one percent above 1989. Growers harvested 77.5 thousand acres in 1991, a decline of 13 percent from a year ago. The average yield was record high 148 cwt. per acre, up 7 cwt. from the previous crop.

The 1991 production of all **hay** in North Carolina is estimated at 1.18 million tons, 16 percent above the 1990 crop. Of the total production, 120 thousand tons were alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures and 1,056 thousand tons were all other hays. Area harvested, at 520 thousand acres, is up 11 percent from a year earlier. The average yield per acre, at 2.26 tons, is 0.11 ton above the 1990 average. The value of the hay crop is estimated at $65.3 million, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Price per ton averaged $57.00 compared with $67.00 in 1990.

U.S. production of all hay is estimated at 153 million tons, five percent more than last year and 1989. The increase in production from a year ago came from higher yields and acreage. The average yield of 2.45 tons per acre compares with average of 2.39 tons per acre a year ago and the average of 2.30 tons two years ago. Area harvested totaled 62.6 million acres, up two percent from 1990 but down one percent from 1989.

Production of grain **sorghum** is estimated at 1.3 million bushels, down 32 percent from 1990. Area harvested for grain was 25,000 acres, 15,000 less than in 1990. The yield averaged 50 bushels per acre, a four bushel increase from the previous year. The crop was valued at $2.9 million, 28 percent less than the 1990 crop. Average price was $2.30 per bushel, compared with $2.18 in 1990.

U.S. production of grain sorghum for 1991 is estimated at 579 million bushels, up one percent from 1990, but virtually unchanged from the November 1 forecast. The U.S. average yield is 59.0 bushels per acre, down 4.1 bushels per acre from last year and down less than one bushel per acre from the last forecast. Area for grain harvest is 9.82 million acres, up eight percent from 1990.

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The 1991 production of **Irish potatoes** in the state totaled 3.0 million cwt., down ten percent from 1990. Harvested area, at 18.4 thousand acres, was up five percent from a year earlier. The average yield was 165 cwt. per acre, 27 cwt. below the previous season. Value of production, at $22.9 million, was 17 percent more than the 1990 crop. An average price of $7.50 per cwt. was realized, compared with $5.75 in 1990.

U.S. production of potatoes in all four seasons totaled 418 million cwt. in 1991, up four percent from last year and 13 percent above two years ago. Harvested area at 1.38 million acres, was virtually unchanged from 1990 but seven percent above 1989. The average U.S. yield was 304 cwt. per acre, 11 cwt. above a year ago and 15 cwt. above the average yield in 1989.

Commercial **apple** production in the Tar Heel State in 1991 totaled 260 million pounds, up 13 percent from the previous year's production of 230 million pounds. The crop brought an average price of $.092 per pound, for a total value of production of $23.92 million.

U.S. commercial apple production totaled 9.87 billion pounds in 1991, two percent more than the previous year's crop but one percent less than the 1989 crop. Of the total production, 9.81 billion pounds were utilized, two percent more than 1990.

Production of **blueberries** in North Carolina in 1991 is estimated at 11,500,000 pounds (1,045,000 equivalent flats). This is up 86 percent from the 1990 crop of 6,100,000 pounds and the highest production since 1988. Area harvested in 1991, at 2,900 acres, is unchanged from 1990. The yield per harvested acre averaged a record high 3,960 pounds (360 flats) compared to 2,100 pounds in 1990. N.C. growers received an average price of $1.031 per pound for fresh market sales and $.320 per pound for processing sales. The average price for all sales at $.821 per pound compared with $1.087 in 1990. The total value of production for the 1991 crop is $9.4 million compared to $6.6 million in 1990.

Grape production in the state totaled 2,200 tons, up 47 percent from the 1990 crop. The crop brought $506 per ton, $27 lower than the previous year's crop at $533 per ton. The crop was valued at $1,114,000, up 39 percent from the 1990 crop.

U.S. production of grapes during 1991 was 5.45 million tons, down four percent from the 1990 production.

In 1991, North Carolina **peach** producers harvested a total of 34.0 million pounds of peaches, more than triple the 1990 peach crop. Acres of bearing age trees totaled 4,300 in 1991 compared with 4,200 in 1990. The crop was valued at $5.99 million, more than double the previous year's crop. The average price was $.176 per pound compared with $.270 per pound received in 1990.

U.S. peach production in 1991 totaled 2.67 billion pounds of which 2.49 billion pounds were utilized. This was 16 percent more than the previous year's utilized total and 12 percent more than 1989. The California Clingstone utilized crop totaled 0.97 billion pounds, up two percent from 1990 and up five percent from 1989.

The 1991 **pecan** crop in North Carolina totaled 2.5 million pounds, more than six times the 1990 crop. Of the total, 1.1 million pounds were improved varieties and 1.4 million pounds were of the native and seedling varieties. Tar Heel farmers received $.890 per pound for their pecans in 1991, a $.170 per pound decrease from 1990. Total value of production for the 1991 pecan crop was $2.22 million compared with $.425 million in 1990.

The 1991 estimate for the U.S. pecan crop is 246 million pounds. Production in 1991 is 20 percent above the 1990 crop but two percent less than the 1989 harvest. Improved varieties accounted for 59 percent of the total crop in 1991 and 70 percent of the total in 1990.

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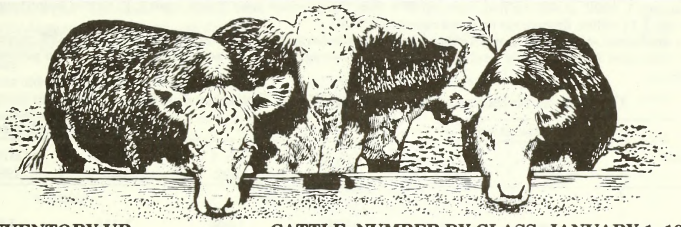

CATTLE INVENTORY UP

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 1992, totaled 100.1 million head, up 1% from the revised 98.9 million on January 1, 1991, and up 2% from 98.2 million two years ago. This is the largest January 1 inventory since January 1, 1987. Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were 2% above both January 1, 1991, and 1990. Milk cows, at 9.90 million, were 2% below both January 1, 1991 and 1990.

The 1991 calf crop was estimated at 39.3 million, virtually unchanged from 1990 and down 2% from 1989. The estimated calf crop is down 2% from the expected number published last July. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 73.1% of the annual total.

All cattle and calves on North Carolina farms on January 1, 1992 are estimated at 1.0 million head, up 5% from a year earlier. The number of beef cows that have calved totaled 417,000 head, 28,000 above the previous year. The number of milk cows that have calved totaled 98,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year.

The calf crop for 1991 is estimated at 450,000 head, down 10,000 from the 1990 calf crop.

CATTLE: NUMBER BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 1991-92

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Cattle and Calves	950	1,000	105	98,896	100,110	101
Beef Cows that have Calved	389	417	107	33,271	33,834	102
Milk Cows that have Calved	101	98	97	10,156	9,904	98
Heifers 500 lbs. and over	131	131	100	18,182	18,624	102
Beef Cow Replacement	76	98	129	5,605	5,747	103
Milk Cow Replacement	36	38	106	4,220	4,200	100
Other	19	19	100	8,357	8,677	104
Steers 500 lbs. and over	50	45	90	16,369	16,750	102
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	29	30	103	2,228	2,280	102
Steers, Heifers, and Bulls Under 500 lbs.	250	255	102	18,691	18,718	100
CLASS	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
Calf Crop	460	450	98	39,249	39,256	100

U.S. SHEEP INVENTORY DOWN N.C. INVENTORY UP

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 1992 totaled 10.9 million head, down 3% from a year earlier. The value of sheep and lambs on hand totaled $666 million, 9% below last year. The average value per head was $61.40, down 6% from a year ago.

Sheep and lamb inventory numbers on North Carolina farms totaled 17,900 head on January 1, 1992, up 5% from the previous year. The value of all sheep and lambs on hand totaled $1.07 million, down 1% from a year ago. The average value per head was $60.00, down $4.00 from the previous year.

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASS, VALUE PER HEAD, AND TOTAL VALUE, JANUARY 1, 1991-92

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Sheep and Lamb [1]	17.0	17.9	105	11,200	10,850	97
On Feed	-	-	-	1,730	1,807	104
Stock Sheep	17.0	17.9	105	9,471	9,043	95
Lambs						
Ewes	3.5	2.0	57	1,342	1,174	87
Wethers and Rams	1.0	2.2	220	351	335	95
One Year Old and Older						
Ewes	11.5	12.6	110	7,429	7,182	97
Wethers and Rams	1.0	1.1	110	349	352	101
New Crop Lambs [2]	-	-	-	761	710	93
	Dollars			*Dollars*		
All Sheep and Lambs Value Per Head [3]	64.00	60.00	94	65.60	61.40	94
	1,000 Dollars			*1,000 Dollars*		
All Sheep and Lambs Total Value [3]	1,088	1,074	99	734,868	666,056	91

[1] New crop lambs are not included in sheep and lamb inventory estimates in this report. [2] Includes all lambs born after September 30th previous year that are on hand January 1st. North Carolina included in U.S. total. [3] Based on reporter's estimates of average price per head in their localities.

N. C. CATFISH SALES UP
U. S. SALES DOWN

Catfish growers in the 16 selected States had sales of $285 million during 1991. These sales were down 13% from the 1990 total sales of $329 million.

Sales of stockers, fingerlings, and fry totaled $19.1 million, down 21% from the $24.2 million in sales during 1990. Sales of all food size fish totaled $264.4 million, down 13% from last year's total of $305 million. Direct sales to processors accounted for 93% of the total sales of food size fish. The total number of operations January 1, 1992 in the 16 selected States was 1,886, down 3% from the July 1, 1991 total of 1,943.

Hatchery operations had 1.50 million broodfish on hand on January 1, 1992, up 12% from the 1.34 million on hand January 1, 1991. All food size fish on hand totaled 244 million on January 1, 1992, up 2% from the 239 million fish on hand a year ago. Total number of stockers on hand January 1, 1992, at 685 million, were up 66% from the previous year. There were 1.12 billion fingerlings on hand January 1, 1992, up 1% from the 1.11 billion fingerlings on hand January 1, 1991.

North Carolina producers sold 2.3 million pounds of food size, stockers, fingerlings and fry fish in 1991, 72% more than the previous year. Food size fish accounted for 95% of the total pounds sold and averaged 64 cents per pound. Direct sales to processors accounted for 96% of food size sales.

CATFISH: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales

State	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales All Size	
	July 1 1991	Jan. 1 1992	July 1 1991 [1]	Jan. 1 1992	During 1990	During 1991
	Number		*Number*		*Number*	
N.C.	**56**	**54**	**1,300**	**1,300**	**1,154**	**1,636**
Ala.	353	370	18,700	19,000	30,954	29,539
Ark.	202	205	20,700	20,500	29,577	19,166
Fla.	63	61	1,200	1,100	2,474	2,439
Kan.	3	40	3	600	3	635
Ky.	3	3	390	390	3	3
La.	225	221	12,000	10,000	15,225	8,832
Miss.	310	297	95,000	95,000	227,400	207,311
Mo.	125	125	2,800	2,700	2,576	2,101
Okla.	80	80	1,100	1,100	2,235	1,954
S.C.	54	36	1,700	1,800	2,381	1,984
Tenn.			310	390		
Tex.	202	169	3,300	3,300	5,860	2,555
Other [2]	273	228	5,050	4,310	9,447	7,275
Total	1,943	1,886	163,550	161,490	329,283	285,427

[1] Water surface acres for July 1, 1991 are revised. [2] Includes CA, GA, IL, KY and TN. [3] Included in other states.

HONEY PRODUCTION UP

Nationally, honey production in 1991 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 220 million pounds, up 11% from 1990. There were 3.20 million colonies producing honey in 1991, compared with 3.21 million in 1990. Yield per colony averaged 68.8 pounds, up 7.2 pounds from the 61.6 pounds in 1990. Colonies that produced in more than one state were counted in each state and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 36.5 million pounds on December 15, 1991, up 17% from a year earlier.

Prices for the 1991 crop averaged 55.9 cents per pound, up 2.2 cents from the 1990 price of 53.7 cents per pound. Prices are based on Retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting state average prices by the state quantities sold. Prices increased for most types of honey in 1991 except for retail sales of water white, extra white, white, all other honey, and area specialties. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this annual report.

HONEY: PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE: 1990-91 [1]

STATE	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks [2]		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Thousands*		*Pounds*		*Cents*		*Thous. Dollars*	
North Carolina	**20**	**18**	**50**	**58**	**1,000**	**1,044**	**120**	**167**	**71**	**67**	**710**	**699**
Alabama	29	20	38	25	1,102	500	143	65	55	62	606	310
California	480	520	42	63	20,160	32,760	2,218	3,276	54	54	10,886	17,690
Florida	220	225	95	83	20,900	18,675	1,881	1,307	48	53	10,032	9,898
Georgia	111	102	50	42	5,550	4,284	333	129	59	63	3,275	2,699
Kentucky	8	7	44	25	352	175	127	88	92	102	324	179
Minnesota	100	105	80	73	8,000	7,665	2,560	2,683	56	57	4,480	4,369
North Dakota	210	215	82	103	17,220	22,145	689	3,100	52	56	8,954	12,401
South Carolina	12	11	41	61	492	671	49	107	69	78	339	523
Tennessee	19	14	33	38	627	532	138	106	99	68	621	362
Virginia	16	16	34	33	544	528	207	58	95	66	517	348
United States	3,210	3,200	61.6	68.8	197,791	220,105	31,060	36,451	53.7[3]	55.9[3]	107,747	124,266

[1] For producers with 5 or more colonies. 1990 data revised. [2] Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan. [3] U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The January 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 228% of its 1967 base, was down 9 points from December. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, hogs, turkeys, eggs, and milk. The index was 18 points below a year earlier.

The January 1992 "All Crops" index, at 244, was down 8 points from the previous month and 16 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for January 1992, at 199, was down 11 points from the previous month and 22 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for January 1992, at 224, was down 8 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 177, was down 15 points. The dairy index, at 226, was down 7 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Jan. 15 1990 [1]	Jan. 15 1991 [1]	Dec. 15 1991 [1]	Jan. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	242	246	237	228
All Crops	246	260	252	244
Tobacco	255	270	270	259
Oil Bearing	231	278	205	200
Grains	200	185	195	199
Commercial Vegetables	222	202	205	181
Fruits	292	289	298	334
Livestock and Livestock Products	235	221	210	199
Meat Animals	263	269	232	224
Poultry	207	202	192	177
Dairy	278	208	233	226
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	282	264	251	251
Prices Paid, Comodities & Services [2]	367	380	[4]	381
Parity Ratio [3]	77	69	[4]	66

[1] Revised [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 257 million eggs during December 1991, up 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 150 million table eggs, the same as a year earlier, and 107 million hatching eggs, up 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during December was 12.9 million, up 1% from a year earlier. The number consisted of 7.0 million for table eggs and 5.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.01 billion during December 1991, up 2% from the 5.88 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.18 billion table eggs, 762 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 62 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during December 1991 averaged 279 million, up 2% from the 272 million a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,153 eggs, compared with 2,156 in December 1990.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 1992 totaled 280 million, compared with 273 million a year ago. The 280 million layers consisted of 235 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1992, averaged 69.0 eggs per 100 layers, down fractionally from last year's 69.3 eggs per 100 layers.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, JANUARY 1992			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	JAN. 1991	OCT. 1991	JAN. 1992
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**219.00**	213.00	209.00	211.00	214.00	213.00
38-42% Protein	**310.00**	311.00	298.00	294.00	312.00	301.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**185.00**	173.00	187.00	179.00	176.00	179.00
18% Protein	**193.00**	185.00	200.00	187.00	185.00	191.00
20% Protein	**196.00**	189.00	200.00	189.00	188.00	191.00
32% Protein	**271.00**	250.00	296.00	275.00	287.00	285.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**264.00**	272.00	275.00	249.00	248.00	250.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter	**251.00**	218.00	243.00	217.00	225.00	227.00
Broiler Grower	**202.00**	207.00	241.00	211.00	208.00	205.00
Laying Feed	**202.00**	194.00	231.00	198.00	199.00	202.00
Turkey Grower	**227.00**	233.00	250.00	235.00	241.00	239.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	**11.00**	10.30	9.90	10.70	10.60	10.90
Middlings	**9.30**	7.90	9.40	9.35	9.10	9.38
Corn Meal	**8.50**	8.40	7.00	7.37	7.49	7.58
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**13.10**	12.90	14.20	14.60	13.40	14.00
Soybean Meal 44%	**13.30**	12.70	11.90	12.50	13.40	13.00

[1] Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.

EGG PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,753**	**12,861**	**255**	**257**	**150**	**150**	**105**	**107**
Alabama	9,266	9,866	181	198	79	91	102	107
Florida	11,348	10,115	234	223	217	204	17	19
Georgia	18,117	18,463	380	388	257	260	123	128
South Carolina	5,448	5,585	123	122	112	110	11	12
UNITED STATES	272,450	278,998	5,875	6,007	5,106	5,183	769	824

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in January 1992 was $1.700 per pound, down 7.5 cents from the previous month and 7.0 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.75 per bushel, were up 6 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.44 per bushel, were up 11 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in January, at $36.00 per hundredweight, were down $1.90 from December and $11.40 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 34.0 cents per pound, were down 4.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 41.2 cents per dozen, were down 16.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.50 per hundredweight, was down 40 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 25.9 cents per pound, were 3.8 cents above the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Jan. 1991	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1992	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1991	Dec. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.770	1.775	1.700	1.790	1.800	1.760
Corn	Bu.	2.55	2.69	2.75	2.27	2.33	2.40
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.13	1.25	1.27
Soybeans	Bu.	5.75	5.33	5.44	5.71	5.45	5.51
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.426	.246	[4]	.423	.251	[4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	47.40	37.90	36.00	50.00	38.60	36.60
Milk Cows	Hd.	1180.00	-	1170.00	1100.00	-	1090.00
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.300	.280	.29	.309	.290	.300
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.290	.380	.340	.339	.409	.374
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.639	.574	.412	.736	.639	.486
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.30	14.90	14.50	11.70	13.80	13.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.65	4.14	4.11
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.211	.221	.259	.200	.257	.249
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	77.90	68.40	69.00

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Insufficient sales to establish a price.

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JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 253 million eggs during January 1992, down 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 147 million table eggs and 106 million hatching eggs, down 2% and 1% respectively from 1991. The average number of layers on hand during January was 12.7 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million for table eggs and 5.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.91 billion during January 1992, up 1% from the 5.86 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.08 billion table eggs, up fractionally from last year; 770 million broiler-type hatching eggs, up 6% from last year; and 62.0 million egg-type hatching eggs, down 5% from last year. The total number of layers during January averaged 278 million, up 2% from the 274 million in January 1991. January 1992 egg production per 100 layers was 2,121 eggs, compared with 2,138 in January 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 1992, totaled 277 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 277 million layers consisted of 233 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 1992, averaged 67.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 68.5 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,873**	**12,741**	**257**	**253**	**150**	**147**	**107**	**106**
Alabama	9,245	9,998	179	195	76	86	103	109
Florida	11,090	10,130	230	218	214	200	16	18
Georgia	18,172	18,593	374	378	248	244	126	134
South Carolina	5,251	5,496	117	117	106	104	11	13
UNITED STATES	273,815	278,463	5,855	5,908	5,064	5,076	791	832

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during January 1992 totaled 135 million pounds, down 3% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 98,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,375 pounds was down 5 pounds from January 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during January totaled 10.7 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from production in these same states in January 1991. December 1991 revised production at 10.4 billion pounds was slightly below December 1990. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,283 for January, 32 pounds more than January 1991. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.31 million head, 205,000 head less than January 1991 and 17,000 less than December 1991.

MILK PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**101**	**98**	**1,380**	**1,375**	**139**	**135**	**97**
Florida	184	180	1,320	1,340	243	241	99
Maryland	108	100	1,120	1,200	121	120	99
Virginia	141	140	1,275	1,295	180	181	101
21 STATES	8,510	8,305	1,251	1,283	10,645	10,659	100

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 1992, totaled 34.2 million, down 1% from a year earlier. The 25.7 million poults placed during January 1992 in the United States were 1% below the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators February 1			Poults Placed During January [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,513**	**11,241**	**107**	**3,703**	**8,797**	**238**
East North Central	4,458	5,001	112	2,990	3,784	127
West North Central	10,130	9,557	94	12,251	6,854	56
South Central	4,114	4,168	101	3,144	3,210	102
West	5,391	4,241	79	3,814	3,047	80
UNITED STATES	34,606	34,208	99	25,902	25,692	99

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the January 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 575 million, was 6% above January of the previous year. There were 465 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 1992, up 5% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.00 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 1992, up 9% from January 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 53.1 million broiler chicks during January 1992, up 2% from a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**52,167**	**53,074**	**102**
Alabama	86,148	89,403	104
Arkansas	94,391	99,524	105
Delaware	14,933	16,017	107
Florida	11,103	11,665	105
Georgia	76,949	79,132	103
Maryland	32,048	33,610	105
Mississippi	37,615	40,255	107
Pennsylvania	10,505	11,043	105
South Carolina	7,637	8,615	113
Texas	34,707	36,604	105
Virginia	15,098	18,297	121
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	27,138	28,282	104
Washington & Oregon	5,349	5,658	106
Other States [1]	38,098	43,979	115
UNITED STATES	543,886	575,158	106
15 STATES [2]	500,439	525,521	105

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

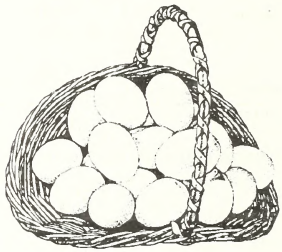
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 32.5 million, down 2% from January 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.3 million on February 1, 1992, down 6% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 181,000 during January 1992, up dramatically from the abnormally low 79,000 of January 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	821	1,043	127
Florida	1,801	1,354	75
Georgia	1,903	1,555	82
Indiana	6,249	5,963	95
Iowa	1,524	2,141	140
Kansas	325	396	122
Minnesota	1,667	1,611	97
Missouri	398	345	87
Pennsylvania	3,499	3,783	108
Other States [1]	14,958	14,289	96
UNITED STATES	33,145	32,480	98

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 As % Of 1991	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992		1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	167	139			2,558	2,553	2,375
March	217	279			2,525	2,666	2,322
April	173	231			2,609	2,519	2,337
May	202	250			2,586	2,485	2,437
June	242	179			2,684	2,394	2,476
July	321	213			2,653	2,476	2,381
August	279	226			2,660	2,406	2,483
September	171	186			2,628	2,378	
October	155	255			2,630	2,440	
November	171	210			2,473	2,498	
December	229	134			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For January 1992, includes pullet chicks placed July 1990 through June 1991.

JANUARY WAGE RATES HIGH

There were 2.57 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 12-18, 1992. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.43 million of the total, along with 321,000 unpaid workers, and 703,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 123,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.37 per hour during the January 1992 survey week. This rate was up 37 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.97 per hour compared with $5.62 last January. Field workers received an average of $5.99 per hour, up 30 cents from the January 1991 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.62 per hour compared with $5.32 a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 29.8 hours, compared to 30.5 hours in the comparable week in 1991. Unpaid workers averaged 32.5 hours, the same as last year. Hired employees worked 38.5 hours compared to 37.9 hours in January of last year.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 44 percent of the hired workers during the survey week. This compared with 45 percent last year.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
Appalachian I	**5.38**	**5.35**	**5.52**	**4.86**	**9.07**	**7.15**	[4]	[4]	**5.46**	**4.89**	[4]	[4]	**6.62**	**5.76**
Appalachian II	5.61	4.61	5.40	5.29	[4]	8.55	[4]	7.91	5.67	4.99	[4]	[4]	5.70	6.05
Southeast	5.43	5.10	5.55	5.42	9.65	9.91	7.71	7.80	5.69	5.02	[4]	6.52	6.64	6.30
U.S. (49 States)	5.99	5.69	5.62	5.32	10.01	9.17	7.39	7.58	5.97	5.62	6.19	6.31	7.07	6.48

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1991 was January 6-12. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

WORKERS ON FARMS, JANUARY 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**111**	**96**	**74**	**59**	**10**	**13**	**27**	**24**	18	**21**	**9**	**3**
Appalachian II	169	183	126	132	17	15	26	36	21	23	5	13
Southeast	121	119	69	69	15	12	37	38	33	31	4	7
U.S. (49 States)	2,449	2,446	1,425	1,401	321	339	703	706	558	550	145	156

[1] Survey period in 1991 was January 6-12. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
							Dollars Per Hour	
Appalachian I	**23.9**	**24.2**	**27.7**	**32.3**	**33.4**	**37.0**	**5.84**	**5.25**
Appalachian II	19.4	20.4	31.0	31.4	36.9	32.2	5.70	5.41
Southeast	27.4	24.3	30.9	29.5	36.9	32.7	6.08	5.54
U.S. (49 States)	29.8	30.5	32.5	32.5	38.5	37.9	6.37	6.00

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1991 was January 6-12. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Applachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - FEBRUARY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		Percent	*Thousands*		Percent
North Atlantic	**10,230**	**10,510**	**103**	**5,736**	**5,709**	**100**
East North Central	4,632	4,499	97	8,454	7,383	87
West North Central	9,245	9,294	101	3,766	3,744	99
South Atlantic	173,975	180,368	104	5,361	4,736	88
South Central	224,890	239,295	106	4,086	4,345	106
West	20,812	20,563	99	4,842	4,339	90
UNITED STATES	443,784	464,529	105	32,245	30,256	94

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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS - N.C.

MONTH	MILK COWS ON FARMS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1991 As % of 1990
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
January	99	101	1,300	1,380	129	139	108
February	99	100	1,220	1,280	121	128	106
March	99	100	1,350	1,420	134	142	106
April	99	100	1,320	1,390	131	139	106
May	100	99	1,340	1,365	134	135	101
June	100	98	1,235	1,210	124	119	96
July	100	97	1,210	1,200	121	116	96
August	100	97	1,200	1,190	120	115	96
September	100	97	1,190	1,195	119	116	97
October	100	98	1,270	1,270	127	124	98
November	101	98	1,270	1,270	128	124	97
December	101	98	1,330	1,330	134	130	97
Annual	100	99	15,220	15,424	1,522	1,527	100

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION

U.S. annual milk production for 1991 totaled 149 billion pounds, up slightly from 1990. The output per cow, at 14,868 pounds, was 222 pounds above 1990. The average number of cows during the year was 10.0 million head, down 1% from the 1990 average of 10.1 million.

Annual milk production in North Carolina during 1991 totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up slightly from 1990. The number of milk cows averaged 99,000 during 1991, down 1,000 from 1990. Average milk per cow was 15,424 pounds, up 204 pounds from 1990.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1984-1991

YEAR	MILK COWS [1]	MILK PER COWS [2]	MILK PRODUCTION [2]
	Thousands	*Pounds*	*Million Pounds*
1984	10,793	12,541	135,351
1985	10,981	13,024	143,012
1986	10,773	13,285	143,124
1987	10,327	13,819	142,709
1988	10,262	14,145	145,152
1989	10,126	14,245	144,239
1990 [3]	10,127	14,646	148,319
1991 [3]	9,990	14,868	148,535

[1] Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves. [3] Revised.

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FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION

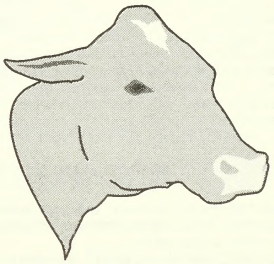
Milk production in North Carolina during February 1992 totaled 126 million pounds, down 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 97,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,295 pounds was up 15 pounds from February 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during February totaled 10.2 billion pounds, 3% above production in these same states in February 1991. January revised production, at 10.7 billion pounds was slightly above January 1991. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,230 pounds for February, 61 pounds more than February 1991. February 1992 was a leap year with 29 days. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.27 million head, 214,000 head less than February 1991 and 26,000 less than January 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % of 1991
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**100**	**97**	**1,280**	**1,295**	**128**	**126**	**98**
Florida	184	182	1,230	1,260	226	229	101
Maryland	105	99	1,075	1,130	113	112	99
Virginia	140	139	1,185	1,235	166	172	104
21 STATES	8,484	8,270	1,169	1,230	9,922	10,171	103

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.



TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 1992, totaled 35.4 million, up 4% from a year earlier. The 25.5 million poults placed during February 1992 in the United States were 1% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators March 1			Poults Placed During February [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**10,524**	**11,649**	**111**	**8,291**	**8,448**	**102**
East North Central	4,212	4,772	113	3,026	3,353	111
West North Central	9,974	10,711	107	7,141	7,242	101
South Central	4,094	3,916	96	3,065	3,272	107
West	5,235	4,320	83	3,825	3,209	84
UNITED STATES	34,039	35,368	104	25,348	25,524	101

[1] Excludes exported poults.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 63 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on January 31, 1992 totaled 3.90 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock compared to 2.39 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.88 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 949 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 68.0 million pounds. There were 719 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of January 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 714 million pounds of which 680 million pounds were edible grades and 34.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 153 million pounds; Runners, 484 million pounds; and Spanish, 42.5 million pounds.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in February 1992 was $2.85 per bushel, up 3 cents from the previous month and 28 cents above a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.59 per bushel, were up 1 cent from the previous month but 13 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in February, at $41.20 per hundredweight, were up $5.10 from January but $10.00 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month. Turkeys, at 31.0 cents per pound, were down 3.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 33.9 cents per dozen, were down 7.3 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.50 per hundredweight, was down 40 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 21.6 cents per pound, were 4.3 cents below the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Feb. 1991	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	1.700	-	1.890	1.760	1.760
Corn	Bu.	2.57	2.82	2.85	2.32	2.40	2.47
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.13	1.31	1.45
Soybeans	Bu.	5.72	5.58	5.59	5.65	5.54	5.53
Hogs, All	Cwt.	51.20	36.10	41.20	52.20	36.40	40.40
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.270	.290	.290	.299	.300	.299
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.320	.340	.310	.344	.374	.353
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.519	.412	.339	.601	.486	.433
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.20	14.90	14.50	11.70	13.50	13.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.53	4.05	4.01
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	.259	.216	.203	.249	.249
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	77.80	69.00	70.60

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The February 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 230% of its 1967 base, was unchanged from January 1992. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, and hogs were offset by lower prices for turkeys, eggs, milk, and apples. The index was 13 points below a year earlier.

The February 1992 "All Crops" index, at 245, was down 1 point from the previous month and 13 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for February 1992, at 202, was up 2 points from the previous month but 14 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for February 1992, at 252, was up 28 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 169, was down 8 points. The dairy index, at 226, was down 7 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Feb. 15 1990 [1]	Feb. 15 1991 [1]	Jan. 15 1992 [1]	Feb. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	242	243	230	230
All Crops	246	258	246	245
Tobacco	255	270	259	259
Oil Bearing	235	277	210	210
Grains	201	186	204	206
Commercial Vegetables	222	202	205	205
Fruits	289	229	334	294
Livestock and Livestock Products	234	216	200	202
Meat Animals	273	297	224	252
Poultry	202	179	177	169
Dairy	272	206	233	226
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	276	264	252	260
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	381	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	66	[4]

[1] Revised [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA IRISH POTATO ACREAGE UP

Commercial growers in North Carolina intend to plant 17,600 acres of spring potatoes this year. This is two percent more than the 17,300 acres planted in 1991. Harvested area for 1992 is forecast at 17,300 acres, also two percent more than last year.

Planting of spring potatoes in North Carolina is underway with about 55 percent in the ground by March 15.

U.S. spring potato growers have an estimated 87,700 acres this year in the six major States. This acreage is down three percent from last year and nine percent below 1990. Harvest is expected from 86,200 acres, down one percent from a year ago and nine percent below two years ago.

Florida harvest will start about the first of April in the Hastings area. Harvest in Florida spring areas should be under-way by mid-March. Crop growth is good with favorable weather so far. Heavy rains in February slowed the completion of planting in Alabama and flooded some fields in South Texas. California's acreage is down seven percent from last year, partly in response to low russet prices and questionable irrigation water availability.

POTATOES

Seasonal Group and State	AREA Planted 1991	AREA Planted Ind. 1992	AREA Harvested 1991	AREA Harvested Ind. 1992	YIELD 1991	PRODUCTION 1990	PRODUCTION 1991
	1,000 Acres				Cwt.	1,000 Acres	
SPRING [1]							
North Carolina	**17.3**	**17.6**	**17.0**	**17.3**	**170**	**3,240**	**2,890**
Alabama	4.0	3.6	2.5	3.5	120	855	300
Arizona	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.3	295	1,794	1,770
California	21.8	20.3	21.8	20.3	380	8,438	8,284
Florida							
Hastings	27.5	27.5	27.0	27.0	190	6,888	5,130
Other	8.6	7.1	8.4	7.0	175	1,826	1,470
Texas	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.8	165	1,122	792
TOTAL	90.2	87.7	87.5	86.2	236	24,163	20,636

[1] *Yield and production for 1992 to be released April 10, 1992.*

JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during January 1992 totaled 64.1 million pounds, up 38% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.62 billion pounds. This production is 6% above a year earlier, 4% higher than the previous January record of 3.48 billion pounds set in 1986, and the second highest production of any month. The all-time high monthly red meat production for the U.S. was 3.71 billion pounds in October 1991.

U.S. **beef production** totaled 2.04 billion pounds. This was up 4% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.93 million, up 2%. The average live weight increased 29 pounds to 1,173. **Veal production**, at 28.0 million pounds, was down 8% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 131,100 head, down 14%. The average live weight increased 48 pounds to 366. **Pork production**, at 1.52 billion pounds, was up 9% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.34 million head, up 9% from last year. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 255. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 31.0 million pounds, was down 6% from last year. Slaughter totaled 483,800 head, down 5%. The average live weight was 128 pounds, the same as a year earlier.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN IN 7 MONTHLY STATES

Cattle and calves on feed February 1, 1992 for slaughter market in the 7 states preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.20 million head, down 8% from a year ago and 4% below February 1, 1990.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 states during January totaled 1.57 million, down 9% from last year and 17% below 1990. This is the lowest January placements since 1985. Net placements of 1.47 million for January was down 9% from last year and 17% below 1990.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.66 million, up 2% from last year and 3% above two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, NOVEMBER 1 TO FEBRUARY 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED 1990	1991	1991/90	1990	1991	1991/90
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
	November 1			**December 1**		
Arizona	204	193	95	224	227	101
California	455	370	81	455	385	85
Colorado	950	905	95	1,010	925	92
Iowa	840	710	85	950	800	84
Kansas	1,770	1,720	97	1,790	1,830	102
Nebraska	2,120	1,960	92	2,280	2,100	92
Texas	2,330	2,155	92	2,330	2,210	95
7 STATES	8,669	8,013	92	9,039	8,477	94
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	January 1			**February 1**		
Arizona	232	217[1]	94	228	213	93
California	420	380	90	420	380	90
Colorado	980	930	95	915	885	97
Iowa	1,030	880	85	1,060	875	83
Kansas	1,750	1,820	104	1,750	1,810	103
Nebraska	2,250	1,990	88	2,280	1,950	86
Texas	2,330	2,180	94	2,310	2,090	90
7 STATES	8,992	8,397	93	8,963	8,203	92

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1991 RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Red meat production for the United States during 1991 totaled 39.6 billion pounds, up 2% from 1990. Production included beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton slaughter in commercial plants and on farms.

Beef production was 22.9 billion pounds, up 1% from 1990. Veal production was 306 million pounds, down 6% from 1990. Pork production was 16.0 billion pounds, up 4% from 1990. Lamb and mutton production totaled 362 million pounds, unchanged from 1990.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 1991 totaled 32.7 million head, down 2% from 1990, with federal inspection comprising 97.5 percent of the total compared with 97.4 last year. Calf slaughter, at 1.44 million head, was down 20% from the previous year with 97.4 percent under federal inspection. Hog kill totaled 88.2 million head, up 4% from 1990 with federal inspection comprising 97.5 percent. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 5.72 million head, was up 1% from 1990 with federal inspection comprising 96.2 percent.

Average live weight of cattle slaughtered commercially in 1991 was 1,163 pounds, up 27 pounds from 1990. The calf average live weight was 346 pounds for 1991, an increase of 63 pounds from the previous year. The average live weight for hogs increased 3 pounds to 252. Sheep and lambs averaged 124 pounds live weight, down 1 pound from 1990.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION: FEDERALLY INSPECTED, COMMERCIAL AND FARM, BY MONTHS AND TOTAL, UNITED STATES, 1991 [1]

MONTH	BEEF		VEAL		PORK [2]		LAMB AND MUTTON		TOTAL RED MEAT [2]	
	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total
	Million Pounds									
January	1,927	1,970	30	31	1,363	1,396	32	33	3,351	3,429
February	1,659	1,695	25	25	1,176	1,204	29	30	2,889	2,954
March	1,683	1,720	24	25	1,272	1,300	35	36	3,015	3,081
April	1,834	1,872	22	23	1,332	1,361	28	29	3,216	3,285
May	1,910	1,947	23	23	1,262	1,291	29	30	3,223	3,291
June	1,840	1,874	19	20	1,114	1,140	24	25	2,998	3,060
July	1,962	1,996	21	22	1,179	1,207	27	28	3,189	3,253
August	2,040	2,077	21	22	1,270	1,299	26	27	3,358	3,425
September	1,900	1,940	23	24	1,286	1,316	27	28	3,237	3,308
October	2,070	2,114	27	28	1,502	1,534	31	32	3,629	3,708
November	1,774	1,813	25	26	1,424	1,456	28	29	3,251	3,324
December	1,742	1,782	27	27	1,409	1,444	30	31	3,207	3,284
Total Commercial [3]		22,800		296		15,949		357		39,401
Farm		117		10		51		5		183
Total	22,340	22,917	287	306	15,588	16,000	346	362	38,561	39,584

[1] *Months may not add to totals due to rounding.* [2] *Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.* [3] *Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter.*

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1992 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

North Carolina farmers expect to increase crop acreage for corn, soybeans, tobacco, oats and hay this year. Acreage decreases are expected for cotton, sorghum, wheat and barley. Peanut and sweetpotato acreage are unchanged.

Cotton producers expect to plant 370,000 acres, 20 percent less than 1991, but the second highest since 1965.

Flue-cured tobacco farmers intend to set 267,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 9,200 acres compared with 8,900 acres in 1991.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,100,000 acres, up five percent from last year.

Peanut farmers in the State intend to plant 164,000 acres, unchanged from 1991.

Soybean prospective plantings are 1,400,000 acres, four percent above 1991.

Wheat acreage seeded last fall at 520,000 is five percent below the 1991 acreage.

Sweetpotato growers intend to plant 31,000 acres, the same as 1991.

Hay producers expect to cut 560,000 acres, eight percent above 1991.

1992 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1991	1992 Ind.	Percent Change	1991	1992 Ind.	Percent Change
	1,000 Acres		+/-	1,000 Acres		+/-
Barley [1]	40	35	-13	8,941	8,310	-7
Oats [1]	85	90	+6	8,654	8,337	-4
Wheat, All [1]	550	520	-5	69,906	70,077	0
Corn, All	1,050	1,100	+5	75,951	79,007	+4
Cotton, All [2]	460	370	-20	14,144	13,489	-5
Peanuts	164	164	0	2,042	1,865	-9
Sorghum, All	45	40	-11	11,014	12,112	+10
Soybeans for Beans	1,350	1,400	+4	59,060	57,415	-3
Tobacco:						
Type 11 [3]	104	102	-2	143	140	-2
Type 12 [3]	129	131	+2	129	131	+2
Type 13 [3]	33	34	+3	84	86	+2
Type 14 [3]	-	-	-	46.7	50.1	+7
Flue-Cured [3]	266	267	0	402.7	407.1	+1
Type 31 [3]	8.9	9.2	+3	310.4	315.8	+2
All [3]	274.9	276.2	0	761.1	770.2	+1
Hay, All [3]	520	560	+8	62,575	60,720	-3
Sweetpotatoes	31	31	0	80.8	83.3	+3

[1] Includes acreage planted in preceding fall. [2] U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima. [3] Data for tobacco and hay represent harvested acres.

GRAIN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1991	**1992**	1991	**1992**	1991	**1992**
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,500	**18,500**	18,008	**18,187**	35,508	**36,687**
June 1	12,000		11,176		23,176	
September 1	4,800		5,441		10,241	
December 1	34,500		25,897		60,397	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,000	**6,500**	9,551	**10,364**	16,551	**16,864**
June 1	3,200		5,404		8,604	
September 1	1,300		2,341		3,641	
December 1	14,000		16,141		30,141	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	320	**400**	4,125	**4,385**	4,445	**4,785**
June 1	150		2,369		2,519	
September 1	1,600		10,645		12,245	
December 1	800		6,537		7,337	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	3,064,500	**2,610,200**	1,724,474	**1,948,719**	4,788,974	**4,558,919**
June 1	1,755,000		1,236,957		2,991,957	
September 1	691,200		830,045		1,521,245	
December 1 [2]	4,294,500		2,246,624		6,541,124	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	532,920	**275,550**	863,336	**610,168**	1,396,256	**885,718**
June 1	341,210		524,706		865,916	
September 1	828,000		1,212,719		2,040,719	
December 1 [2]	564,800		878,721		1,443,521	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	555,500	**505,000**	634,619	**671,711**	1,910,119	**1,176,711**
June 1	336,500		387,022		723,522	
September 1	118,400		210,642		329,042	
December 1 [2]	810,000		968,957		1,778,957	
SORGHUM						
March 1	73,780	**54,960**	259,099	**196,251**	332,879	**251,211**
June 1	43,750		178,250		222,000	
September 1	22,150		120,435		142,585	
December 1 [2]	110,200		340,262		450,462	

[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. [2] Revised.

FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 231 million eggs during February 1992, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 132 million table eggs and 99 million hatching eggs, down 4% but up 2% respectively from 1991. The average number of layers on hand during February was 12.6 million, down 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.8 million for table eggs and 5.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.54 billion during February 1992, 4% above a year ago. Production included 4.76 billion table eggs, 718 million broiler-type hatching egg, and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during February averaged 278 million, up 1% from a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,992 eggs, compared with 1,934 in February 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 1992, totaled 278 million, compared with 273 million a year ago. The 278 million layers consisted of 234 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.07 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 1992, averaged 69.3 eggs per 100 layers compared with 69.5 for March 1, 1991.

EGG PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**12,998**	**12,648**	**234**	**231**	**137**	**132**	**97**	**99**
Alabama	9,611	10,039	169	184	73	81	96	103
Florida	10,838	9,950	205	201	191	186	14	15
Georgia	18,221	18,263	336	351	221	225	115	126
South Carolina	5,314	5,564	107	110	98	98	9	12
UNITED STATES	274,058	278,089	5,302	5,540	4,573	4,762	729	778

HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms March 1, 1992, totaled 3.9 million head, 34% above March 1 of last year. This larger inventory consisted of 34% more market hogs totaling 3,425,000 head. Breeding stock at 475,000 head was up 36% from the previous year. North Carolina ranks 6th nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs.

The State's pig crop during the December 1991 - February 1992 period totaled a record 1,764,000 head, 30% above the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 210,000 sows, which were up 27% from last year. The 8.40 pigs saved per litter compares to last year's 8.25 litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 210,000 sows during the March-May quarter and 220,000 during the June-August period. If these intentions materialize, farrowings for both quarters will be record highs and up 17% and 16% respectively from the same periods last year.

UNITED STATES: Hogs and pigs on farms March 1, 1992, in the United States are estimated at 56.1 million head, up 6% from a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.17 million head is 3% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 48.9 million head, 7% more than last year.

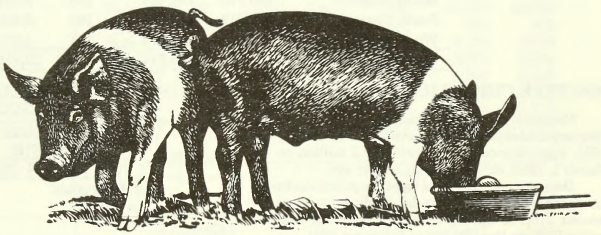
The December 1991 through February 1992 pig crop was 23.2 million head, 9% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged a record high for this period—8.02 compared with 7.87 last year.

Producers intend to have 3.32 million sows farrow during the March-May period, an increase of 1% from actual farrowing during the same period in 1991. June through August farrowings are expected to total 3.08 million sows—unchanged from this period last year.

HOGS AND PIGS - MARCH 1, 1992 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, 1991-1992

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS MAR. 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	2,900	3,900	134	52,760	56,110	106
Kept for breeding	350	475	136	6,992	7,170	103
Market	2,550	3,425	134	45,768	48,940	107
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,045	1,410	135	17,663	19,020	108
60-119 Lbs.	600	755	126	11,036	11,815	107
120-179 Lbs.	495	660	133	9,315	9,775	105
180 Lbs. and Over	410	600	146	7,754	8,330	107
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	165	210 [2]	127	2,711	2,890 [2]	107
March-May	180	210 [2]	117	3,285	3,320 [3]	101
December[1]-May	345	420 [3]	122	5,996	6,210 [2]	104
June-August	190	220 [2]	116	3,097	3,082 [2]	100
September-November	205	-	-	2,969	-	-
June-November	395	-	-	6,066	-	-
PIG CROP:						
December[1]-February	1,361	1,764	130	21,325	23,183	109
March-May	1,566	-	-	26,142	-	-
December[1]-May	2,927	-	-	47,467	-	-
June-August	1,653	-	-	24,432	-	-
September-November	1,763	-	-	23,427	-	-
June-November	3,416	-	-	47,859	-	-
PIGS PER LITTER:	*Number*			*Number*		
December[1]-February	8.25	8.40	102	7.87	8.02	102
March-May	8.70	-	-	7.96	-	-
December[1]-May	8.48	-	-	7.92	-	-
June-August	8.70	-	-	7.89	-	-
September-November	8.60	-	-	7.89	-	-
June-November	8.65	-	-	7.89	-	-

[1] December preceding year. [2] Intentions. [3] Actual farrowings for December-February plus intentions for March-May.



N.C. CORN STOCKS UP 3% AND SOYBEAN STOCKS UP 2%

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on March 1, 1992, totaled 36.7 million bushels, 3% more than the same quarter in 1991. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 18.5 million bushels, up 6% from 1991. Off-farm holdings totaled 18.2 million bushels, up 1% from a year earlier.

North Carolina soybean stocks in all positions totaled 16.9 million bushels, 2% more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 6.5 million bushels, were down 7% while off-farm stocks increased 9% from a year earlier to 10.4 million bushels.

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during February 1992 totaled 55.5 million pounds, up 41% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.09 billion pounds, 5% above a year earlier.

U.S. beef production totaled 1.71 billion pounds. This was up 1% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.44 million, down 1%. The average live weight increased 11 pounds to 1,173. Veal production at 25.0 million pounds was down 3%. Calf slaughter totaled 113,000 head, down 8%. The average live weight increased 28 pounds to 374. Pork production at 1.33 billion pounds was up 10% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.33 million head, up 10% from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 252. Lamb and mutton production at 28.0 million pounds was down 6% from last year. Slaughter totaled 436,300 head, down 5%. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 128.

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CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**10,652**	**10,941**	**103**	**5,343**	**5,139**	**96**
East North Central	5,384	4,747	88	9,424	7,816	83
West North Central	11,230	9,624	86	4,136	5,315	129
South Atlantic	180,713	185,404	103	5,324	4,552	114
South Central	230,019	238,993	104	3,995	4,552	114
West	23,269	23,503	101	4,590	4,391	96
UNITED STATES	461,267	473,212	103	32,812	32,503	99

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 31.9 million, down 8% from February 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.5 million on March 1, 1992, down 1% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 273,000 during February 1991, up dramatically from the 139,000 of February 1991.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the February 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 531 million, was 7% above February of the previous year. There were 473 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 1992, up 3% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 4.67 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 1992, down 5% from February 1991. North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 47.4 million broiler chicks during February 1992, up 4% from a year ago.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS[1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands* 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	167	139	273	196	2,558	2,553	2,375
March	217	279			2,525	2,666	2,322
April	173	231			2,609	2,519	2,337
May	202	250			2,586	2,485	2,437
June	242	179			2,684	2,394	2,476
July	321	213			2,653	2,476	2,381
August	279	226			2,660	2,406	2,483
September	171	186			2,628	2,378	2,617
October	155	255			2,630	2,440	
November	171	210			2,473	2,498	
December	229	134			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] *Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.* [2] *For February 1992, includes pullet chicks placed August 1990 through July 1991.*

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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS TOTAL $70.2 MILLION

The equivalent wholesale value of the 28 floriculture crops surveyed in North Carolina totaled $70.2 million in 1991, up four percent from 1990. A total of 185 growers reported 11.0 million square feet of total covered area and 573 acres of outdoor area in production in 1991. Only growers reporting a gross value of sales of $100,000 or more were surveyed.

BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS had a total wholesale value of $29.6 million, up three percent from 1990. Flats of bedding plants decreased three percent in value to $12.7 million. The value of potted bedding plants increased 21 percent to $10.7 million and the value of flowering hanging baskets decreased ten percent to $6.2 million.

CUT FLOWER sales totaled $1.3 million, 31 percent less than in 1990. Standard chrysanthemums had a wholesale value of $465,000, 23 percent above the 1990 sales. All other cut flowers had a wholesale value of $800,000, down 45 percent.

FOLIAGE HANGING BASKETS AND POTTED FOLIAGE had an equivalent wholesale value of $9.2 million, up five percent from the previous year. The value of foliage hanging baskets increased nine percent to $5.4 million while the net value of sales for potted foliage decreased fractionally and totaled $3.8 million.

POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS accounted for $30.1 million of the total wholesale value. Poinsettias led this category with $10.8 million generated from 3.2 million pots of all sizes. Potted chrysanthemum sales had an equivalent wholesale value of $5.9 million from 1.7 million pots sold. Potted Easter lilies generated $1.4 million. The remaining value of $12.0 million was derived from sales of african violets, finished florist azaleas, other lilies, and other flowering plants (excluding blooming annuals).

U.S. Values Increase

The 28 crops surveyed in 28 states, had an equivalent wholesale value of all sales totaling $2.57 billion, up two percent from 1990. Only growers reporting a gross value of sales of $100,000 or more were surveyed. Cut flowers decreased four percent in value to $449 million. Potted flowering plants, valued at $671 million, increased six percent. Foliage plants decreased six percent in value to $446 million. Bedding plants, valued at $897 million, increased eight percent. The value of cut cultivated greens, at $110 million, increased three percent from 1990.

SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS: Quantity Sold, Intended 1992 and Wholesale Value, North Carolina, 1990 and 1991

CROP	UNIT	Number Sold		Total Quantity		Wholesale Value [1]	
		1990	1991	Intended 1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1990	1991
		Thousands				*1,000 Dollars*	
BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS							
Geraniums	Flats	215	154	175	114	1,327	1,249
Other Flowering and Foliar Types	Flats	2,309	1,823	1,940	106	10,829	10,592
Vegetable Type	Flats	212	148	157	106	922	875
Potted Hardy/Garden Mums	Pots	1,558	1,888	1,999	106	2,639	2,699
Potted Geraniums (Cutting)	Pots	1,003	1,059	1,128	107	2,174	2,674
Potted Geraniums (Seed)	Pots	1,207	1,282	1,288	100	2,290	2,236
Potted Vegetable Type	Pots	217	315	333	106	246	369
Other Potted Flowering/Foliar	Pots	1,282	1,961	928	47	1,515	2,718
Hanging Baskets, Flowering	Baskets	1,813	1,554	1,720	111	6,962	6,232
Total Bedding/Garden Plants						28,904	29,644
CUT FLOWERS							
Chrysanthemums, Standard	Blooms	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	377	465
All Other Cut Flowers [3]	Blooms	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	1,460	800
Total Cut Flowers						1,837	1,265
FOLIAGE FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE							
Hanging Baskets, Foliage	Baskets	1,319	1,295	1,343	107	4,933	5,401
Potted Foliage [4]						3,775	3,762
Total Foliage						8,708	9,163
POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS							
Chrysanthemums	Pots	1,669	1,738	1,776	102	5,618	5,922
Poinsettias	Pots	3,559	3,230	4,496	139	11,224	10,774
Lilies, Easter	Pots	330	336	304	90	1,307	1,381
Lilies, Other	Pots	22	25	26	104	102	110
African Violets	Pots	1,052	2,330	2,330	100	966	1,840
Finished Florist Azaleas	Pots	185	174	178	102	1,295	1,235
Other Flowering Plants (Excl. Blooming Annuals)	Pots	2,642	2,694	2,485	92	7,420	8,867
Total Potted Flowering Plants						27,932	30,129
Total Value of Reported Crops						67,381	70,201

[1] Equivalent wholesale value of all sales. [2] Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. [3] Includes Sweetheart Roses, Hybrid Tea Roses, Pompon Mums, Gladioli, Carnations Standard and other cut flowers. [4] Gross value of sales less cost of plant material purchased from other growers for growing on.

IRISH POTATOES: APRIL 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

Seasonal Group and State	AREA Planted 1991	AREA Planted Ind. 1992	AREA Harvested 1991	AREA Harvested Ind. 1992	YIELD 1991	YIELD Ind. 1992	PRODUCTION 1990	PRODUCTION 1991	PRODUCTION Ind. 1992
	1,000 Acres				Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
SPRING									
North Carolina	**17.3**	**17.6**	**17.0**	**17.3**	**170**	**190**	**3,240**	**2,890**	**3,287**
Alabama	4.0	3.6	2.5	3.5	120	150	855	300	525
Arizona	6.0	6.4	6.0	6.4	295	290	1,794	1,770	1,856
California	21.8	20.3	21.8	20.3	380	390	8,438	8,284	7,917
Florida									
Hastings	27.5	27.5	27.0	27.0	190	210	6,888	5,130	5,670
Other	8.6	7.1	8.4	7.0	175	220	1,826	1,470	1,540
Texas	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.8	165	160	1,122	792	768
TOTAL	90.2	87.8	87.5	86.3	236	250	24,163	20,636	21,563

1992 IRISH POTATO PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Spring potato production in North Carolina is forecast at 3.3 million cwt., up 14 percent from a year earlier. Acreage for harvest at 17,300 acres, is 300 acres more than last year. Yields are expected to be above last year by 20 cwt. per acre. Plantings were about 97 percent completed by April 12 and the crop was rated in mostly good condition.

U.S. production of spring potatoes is forecast at 21.6 million cwt., a gain of four percent from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 86.3 thousand acres, down one percent from a year ago. The average yield is expected at 250 cwt. per acre, up 14 cwt. from last year.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 63 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on February 27, 1992, totaled 3.90 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock compared to 2.39 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.88 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 949 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 68.0 million pounds. There were 719 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of January 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 714 million pounds of which 680 million pounds were edible grades and 34.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 153 million pounds; Runners, 484 million pounds; and Spanish, 42.5 million pounds.

PEANUTS: FARM MARKETINGS PERCENTS

STATE AND CROP YEAR	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. [1]
	Percent					
1990 CROP						
North Carolina	**-**	**3.3**	**75.6**	**16.6**	**3.1**	**1.4**
Alabama	0.2	75.9	22.6	1.2	0.1	-
Florida	1.9	81.4	16.0	0.7	-	-
Georgia	1.5	55.2	36.5	6.0	0.6	0.2
Texas	0.7	7.7	70.0	14.3	7.1	0.2
Virginia	-	6.7	58.7	17.1	15.6	1.9
United States	0.9	39.7	46.6	9.0	3.3	0.5
1991 CROP						
North Carolina	**-**	**10.6**	**71.5**	**14.1**	**1.8**	**2.0**
Alabama	2.2	60.0	35.6	2.0	0.2	-
Florida	3.7	65.1	29.1	2.1	-	-
Georgia	3.3	56.6	36.8	3.1	0.2	-
Texas	2.3	4.6	59.9	24.8	7.9	0.5
Virginia	-	25.3	59.4	11.7	2.3	1.3
United States	2.5	43.1	44.6	7.8	1.6	0.4

[1] *January of the following year.*

PEANUTS [1]

STATE	AREA PLANTED 1990	AREA PLANTED 1991	AREA HARVESTED 1990	AREA HARVESTED 1991	YIELD 1990	YIELD 1991	PRODUCTION 1990	PRODUCTION 1991	VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1990	VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1991
	1,000 Acres				Pounds		1,000 Pounds		1,000 Dollars	
N.C.	**165.0**	**162.0**	**164.0**	**162.0**	**2,900**	**2,850**	**475,600**	**461,700**	**165,984**	**126,506**
Ala.	258.0	278.0	256.0	277.0	1,510	2,305	386,560	638,485	104,758	187,715
Fla.	102.0	126.0	94.0	118.0	2,480	2,370	233,120	279,660	69,936	73,551
Ga.	782.0	900.0	770.0	895.0	1,750	2,490	1,347,500	2,228,550	455,455	630,680
N. Mex.	20.0	22.7	20.0	22.7	2,500	2,250	50,000	51,075	23,400	16,344
Okla.	107.0	110.0	106.0	106.0	2,220	2,300	235,320	243,800	99,070	69,483
S.C.	14.0	14.5	13.5	14.0	2,230	2,400	30,105	33,600	11,982	9,979
Tex.	295.0	330.0	289.0	325.0	1,850	2,100	534,650	682,500	224,018	191,100
Va.	97.0	96.0	97.0	96.0	3,195	3,200	309,915	307,200	102,582	86,938
U.S.	1,840.0	2,039.2	1,809.5	2,015.7	1,991	2,444	3,602,770	4,926,570	1,257,185	1,392,296

[1] *1991 Revised 4-10-92.*

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators April 1			Poults Placed During March [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1990	1991	1991 As % Of 1990
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,029**	**11,069**	**100**	**8,021**	**9,479**	**118**
East North Central	4,744	5,099	107	3,423	3,858	113
West North Central	11,493	11,307	98	7,438	8,212	110
South Central	4.042	4,000	99	3,128	3,196	102
West	5,879	4,637	79	3,774	3,034	80
UNITED STATES	37,187	36,112	97	25,784	27,779	108

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 1992, totaled 36.1 million, down 3% from a year earlier. The 27.8 million poults placed during March 1992 in the United States were 8% above the placements during the same month a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in March 1992 was $2.96 per bushel, up 12 cents from the previous month and 24 cents above a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.81 per bushel, were up 10 cents from the previous month but 3 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in March, at $36.90 per hundredweight, were down $1.90 from February and $11.60 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month. Turkeys, at 34.0 cents per pound, were up 3.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 37.4 cents per dozen, were up 3.5 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.70 per hundredweight, was down 80 cents from a month earlier but 80 cents above a year ago. Apples, at 21.1 cents per pound, were .5 cents below the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Mar. 1991	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Mar. 1991	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollors			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.755	1.750	1.955
Corn	Bu.	2.72	2.84	2.96	2.39	2.47	2.53
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.16	1.44	1.44
Soybeans	Bu.	5.84	5.71	5.81	5.76	5.59	5.70
Hogs, All	Cwt.	48.50	38.80	36.90	51.50	39.80	38.80
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.290	.290	.290	.306	.299	.297
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.350	.310	.340	.376	.353	.370
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.693	.339	.374	.749	.433	.424
Milk, All	Cwt.	12.90	14.50	13.70	11.40	12.90	12.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.15	3.92	4.36
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	.216	.211	.202	.249	.242
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	80.50	70.60	70.10

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Morket (Toble) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The March 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 229% of its 1967 base, was unchanged from February 1992. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, turkeys, and eggs were offset by lower prices for hogs, milk, and apples. The index was 19 points below a year earlier.

The March 1992 "All Crops" index, at 247, was up 1 point from the previous month but 13 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for March 1992, at 198, was down 2 points from the previous month and 30 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for March 1992, at 237, was down 6 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 174, was up 5 points. The dairy index, at 214, was down 12 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Mar. 15 1990 [1]	Mar. 15 1991 [1]	Feb. 15 1992 [1]	Mar. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	249	248	229	229
All Crops	248	260	246	247
Tobacco	255	270	259	259
Oil Bearing	239	280	213	215
Grains	211	197	205	214
Commercial Vegetables	222	202	205	205
Fruits	289	229	294	289
Livestock and Livestock Products	251	228	200	198
Meat Animals	293	288	243	237
Poultry	229	206	169	174
Dairy	253	201	226	214
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	274	271	260	262
Prices Paid, Comodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] *Revised* [2] *Including interest, Toxes and Form Woge Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Formers to Index of Prices Poid.* [4] *Avoilable quorterly following Februory 1986 Survey.*

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NORTH CAROLINA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Inventory Values, 1985-92

YEAR	ALL CATTLE AND CALVES January 1		ALL HOGS AND PIGS December 1		ALL CHICKENS December 1		STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS January 1	
	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value
	Dollars	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*
1985	350.00	411,250	64.50	151,575	2.15	45,688	65.50	550
1986	360.00	396,000	84.00	198,240	1.85	39,886	75.50	755
1987	365.00	346,750	80.00	204,000	1.55	32,457	75.00	975
1988	455.00	375,375	61.50	166,050	3.10	61,241	65.00	845
1989	495.00	420,750	73.00	187,610	2.75	53,955	85.00	1,105
1990	495.00	481,500	75.00	210,000	3.30	63,235	84.00	1,260
1991	570.00	541,500	65.00	230,750	4.00	77,220	64.00	1,088
1992	**515.00**	**515,000**	-	-	-	-	**60.00**	**1,074**

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MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 253 million eggs during March 1992, down 5% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 145 million table eggs and 108 million hatching eggs, down 6% and 2% respectively from 1991. The average number of layers on hand during March was 12.9 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million for table eggs and 6.0 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.03 billion during March 1992, up 2% from the 5.91 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.19 billion table eggs, 774 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 69.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during March averaged 278 million, up 2% from a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,167 eggs, compared with 2,169 in March 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 1992 totaled 278 million, up 3% from last year's 271 million layers. The 278 million layers consisted of 234 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.09 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 1992, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from last year's 70.3 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,161**	**12,865**	**265**	**253**	**155**	**145**	**110**	**108**
Alabama	9,721	9,820	195	198	85	87	110	111
Florida	10,693	9,790	226	213	210	197	16	16
Georgia	18,121	17,848	381	380	250	245	131	135
South Carolina	5,203	5,703	118	123	107	110	11	13
UNITED STATES	272,396	278,231	5,910	6,032	5,085	5,189	825	843

POULTRY - 1991 PRODUCTION AND VALUE DOWN

The combined North Carolina value of production from eggs, broilers, and turkeys and the sales from other chickens in 1991 was $1,419 million, down 4% from the $1,478 million in 1990. Of the combined total, 55% was from broilers, 30% from turkeys, 14% from eggs, and 1% from other chickens. In addition, another $98 million came from other poultry items, which stretches the grand total to $1.5 billion.

The combined U.S. value of production from broilers, eggs and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens, in 1991 was $14.7 billion, down 1% from the $14.8 billion in 1990. Of the combined total, 57% was from broilers, 26% from eggs, 16% from turkeys, and less than 1% from other chickens.

TURKEYS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1989-91 [1]

YEAR	Number Raised	Pounds Produced [2]	Price Per Pound	Value of Production [3]
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1989	52,200	991,800	41.0	406,638
1990	58,000	1,160,000	39.0	452,400
1991	58,000	1,165,800	37.0	431,346

[1] Based on turkeys placed September 1-August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost. [2] Includes home consumption. [3] Gross income including home consumption.

EGGS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1989-91 [1]

YEAR	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually Per Layer On Farm	Eggs Produced	Average Price Per Dozen	Value of Production [2]
	Thousands	*Number*	*Million*	*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1989	13,871	239	3,312	80.3	221,628
1990	13,041	233	3,033	82.8	209,277
1991	13,091	233	3,045	78.7	199,701

[1] Data are on a December 1 - November 30 production year basis. [2] Gross income including home comsumption.

COMMERCIAL BROILERS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1989-91 [1]

YEAR	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound [2]	Value of Production [3]
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1989	520,000	2,444,000	34.5	843,180
1990	540,300	2,593,440	31.0	803,966
1991	546,800	2,679,320	29.0	777,003

[1] Data are on a December 1 - November 30 production year basis. Includes other meat-type breeds. [2] Live weight equivalent price. [3] Gross income including home consumption.

CHICKENS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1989-91 [1]

YEAR	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	Number		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1989	11,800	89,680	19.6	17,577
1990	12,000	87,600	14.2	12,439
1991	11,000	81,400	13.0	10,582

[1] Excludes commercial broilers. Data are on a December 1 - November 30 year basis.

BROILER HATCH

Nationally, the March 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 586 million, was 3% above March of the previous year. There were 478 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 1992, up 3% from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.23 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 1992, up 6% from March 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 53.2 million broiler chicks during March 1992, down 1% from the 53.8 million a year ago.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

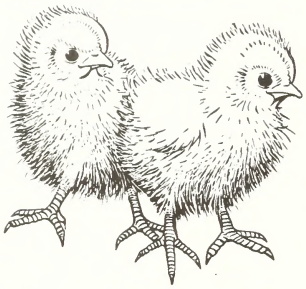
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 36.3 million, down 1% from March 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.0 million on April 1, 1992, down 7% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 186,000 during March 1992, down 33% from the 279,000 of March 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - MARCH

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**53,793**	**53,158**	**99**
Alabama	88,409	88,873	101
Arkansas	99,907	101,877	102
Delaware	16,525	16,220	98
Florida	11,500	12,641	110
Georgia	81,864	81,332	99
Maryland	32,198	34,067	106
Mississippi	38,209	39,899	104
Pennsylvania	11,271	10,997	98
South Carolina	7,698	8,772	114
Texas	35,248	35,830	102
Virginia	16,857	18,736	111
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	30,763	31,735	103
Washington & Oregon	5,407	5,748	106
Other States[1]	41,464	46,020	111
UNITED STATES	571,113	585,905	103
15 STATES[2]	524,242	534,137	102

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.



CHICKS HATCHED - MARCH

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	896	940	105
Florida	1,835	1,507	82
Georgia	2,163	2,663	123
Indiana	6,911	6,808	99
Iowa	1,672	2,527	151
Kansas	216	385	178
Minnesota	1,608	2,290	142
Missouri	921	871	95
Pennsylvania	4,342	3,770	87
Other States[1]	16,278	14,568	89
UNITED STATES	36,842	36,329	99

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	167	139	273	196	2,558	2,553	2,375
March	217	279	186	67	2,525	2,666	2,322
April	173	231			2,609	2,519	2,337
May	202	250			2,586	2,485	2,437
June	242	179			2,684	2,394	2,476
July	321	213			2,653	2,476	2,381
August	279	226			2,660	2,406	2,483
September	171	186			2,628	2,378	2,617
October	155	255			2,630	2,440	2,524
November	171	210			2,473	2,498	
December	229	134			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For March 1992, includes pullet chicks placed Sept. 1990 through August 1991.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - APRIL 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**11,464**	**10,389**	**91**	**5,394**	**5,572**	**103**
East North Central	6,053	5,362	89	9,780	8,192	84
West North Central	12,060	11,228	93	5,150	5,288	103
South Atlantic	183,493	187,987	102	5,338	5,207	98
South Central	230,859	241,103	104	4,124	3,855	93
West	21,307	21,492	101	4,597	3,894	85
UNITED STATES	465,236	477,564	103	34,383	32,008	93

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during March 1992 totaled 137 million pounds, down 4% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 98,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,400 pounds was down 20 pounds from March 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during March totaled 11.1 billion pounds, up fractionally from production in these same states in March 1991. February revised production, at 10.2 billion pounds was 3% above February 1991 (not adjusted for leap year).

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,343 pounds for March, 33 pounds above March 1991. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.26 million head, 13,000 head less than February and 200,000 less than March 1991.

MILK PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1992 As % of 1991
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**100**	**98**	**1,420**	**1,400**	**142**	**137**	**96**
Florida	185	182	1,340	1,375	248	250	101
Maryland	105	98	1,210	1,255	127	123	97
Virginia	140	138	1,305	1,340	183	185	101
21 STATES	8,460	8,260	1,310	1,343	11,084	11,097	100

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 58 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on March 31, 1992, totaled 2.80 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.77 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.57 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.13 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 96.5 million pounds. There were 112 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 852 million pounds of which 793 million pounds were edible grades and 59.8 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 164 million pounds; Runners, 563 million pounds; and Spanish, 65.1 million pounds.

MEAT ANIMALS MARKETINGS UP, CASH RECEIPTS DOWN

Cash receipts from meat animals in the Tar Heel State for 1991 totaled $835 million, up 5% from the $794 million in 1990. Hogs accounted for 79% of the total receipts, cattle and calves nearly 21%, sheep and lambs less than 1%.

Nationally, cash receipts from meat animals totaled $51.1 billion, down 2% from 1990. The percentage breakdown of the total receipts by commodity were: cattle and calves, 78%; hogs and pigs, nearly 22%; sheep and lambs, less than 1%.

MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during March 1992 totaled 62.4 million pounds, up 53% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.38 billion pounds, 10% above a year earlier.

Beef production totaled 1.85 billion pounds. This was up 8% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.67 million, up 6%. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 1,160. **Veal production**, at 27.0 million pounds, was up 9%. Calf slaughter totaled 122,400 head, up 1%. The average live weight increased 32 pounds to 382. **Pork production**, at 1.47 billion pounds, was up 13% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, up 13% from last year. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 251. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 32.0 million pounds, was down 10% from last year. Slaughter totaled 496,800 head, down 12%. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 129.

MEAT ANIMALS: INVENTORY, MARKETINGS AND CASH RECEIPTS

SPECIES	INVENTORY [1]		MARKETINGS		CASH RECEIPTS	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	1,000 Head				*Thousand Dollars*	
NORTH CAROLINA						
Hogs	2,800	3,650	5,044	5,717	615,149	658,649
Cattle & Calves	900	950	375	362	178,712	176,396
Sheep & Lambs	15.0	17.0	6.3	8.2	224	287
UNITED STATES						
Hogs	54,477	57,684	89,373	92,293	11,552,009	11,604,101
Cattle & Calves	98,162	98,896	57,143	55,893	39,943,853	39,632,086
Sheep & Lambs	11,363	11,200	7,938	8,277	414,225	399,097

[1] *Beginning of year.*

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES DOWN

Cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1992 for slaughter market in the 13 states preparing quarterly estimates totaled 9.70 million head, down 10% from a year ago and 4% below April 1, 1990. The inventory included 6.33 million steers and steer calves, 10% below a year ago. This group accounts for 65.3% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.31 million head, 9% below a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 states during the January-March 1992 quarter totaled 5.39 million, down 5% from last year and 10% below January-March 1990. Net placements of 4.99 million for January-March was down 5% from last year and 11% from 1990.

CATTLE ON FEED [1] - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS

STATE	APRIL 1, 1991	JAN. 1, 1992	APRIL 1, 1992	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1991
		1,000 Head		
Arizona	201	217	203	101
California	380	380	325	86
Colorado	930	930	910	98
Idaho	275	280	260	95
Illinois	345	340	295	86
Iowa	1,070	880	840	79
Kansas	1,760	1,820	1,810	103
Minnesota	340	310	320	94
Nebraska	2,370	1,990	1,960	83
Oklahoma	340	345 [2]	355	104
S. Dakota	320	290	290	91
Texas	2,230	2,180	1,970	88
Washington	178	173	165	93
13 States	10,739	10,135 [2]	9,703	90

[1] *Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a full ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.* [2] *Revised based on corrected data.*

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N.C. WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST UP SLIGHTLY

Winter wheat production in North Carolina is forecast at 19.3 million bushels, up less than one percent from last year's 22.55 million bushels. A decrease in acreage was offset by an increase in yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 470,000 acres, 10,000 acres less than harvested in 1991. The yield per acre is forecast at 41 bushels, one bushel more than last year. About 88 percent of the crop has headed compared with 93 percent a year earlier.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, up 18 percent from 1991. Yields are expected to average 37.3 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from last season. The area to be harvested as grain is placed at 43.3 million acres, up ten percent from last year's 39.4 million acres.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in April 1992 was $2.87 per bushel, down 6 cents from the previous month but 27 cents above a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.71 per bushel, were down 17 cents from the previous month and 13 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in April, at $39.70 per hundredweight, were up $2.50 from March but $8.10 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 28.0 cents per pound, were down 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 34.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 37.8 cents per dozen, were up .4 cent from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.90 per hundredweight, was down 20 cents from a month earlier but $1.10 above the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Apr. 15 1990 [1]	Apr. 15 1991 [1]	Mar. 15 1992 [1]	Apr. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	245	242	230	229
All Crops	249	259	247	246
Tobacco	255	270	259	259
Oil Bearing	245	280	217	213
Grains	213	189	212	208
Commercial Vegetables	222	202	205	205
Fruits	289	229	289	289
Livestock and Livestock Products	237	214	200	199
Meat Animals	299	288	238	245
Poultry	207	181	174	170
Dairy	234	200	220	217
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	276	271	261	260
Prices Paid, Comodities & Services [2]	371	383	[4]	387
Parity Ratio [3]	74	71	[4]	67

[1] *Revised* [2] *Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.* [4] *Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The April 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 229% of its 1967 base, was down 1 point from March 1992. Contributing to the decrease were lower prices for corn, soybeans, broilers, and milk. The index was 13 points below a year earlier.

The April 1992 "All Crops" index, at 246, was down 1 point from the previous month and 13 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for April 1992, at 199, was down 1 point from the previous month and 15 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for April 1992, at 245, was down 7 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 170, was down 4 points. The dairy index, at 217, was down 3 points from a month earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.860	1.955	1.620
Corn	Bu.	2.60	2.93	2.87	2.42	2.49	2.43
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.16	1.44	1.39
Soybeans	Bu.	5.84	5.88	5.71	5.77	5.67	5.61
Hogs, All	Cwt.	47.80	37.20	39.70	50.90	38.90	41.00
Milk Cows	Hd.	1,170.00	-	1,200.00	1,090.00	-	1,120.00
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.280	.290	.280	.307	.297	.294
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.360	.340	.340	.376	.370	.368
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.475	.374	.378	.565	.424	.429
Milk, All	Cwt.	12.80	14.10	13.90	11.30	12.50	12.40
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.83	4.33	5.72
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	.211	-	.202	.242	.243
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	87.30	70.10	73.00

[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.*

CROPS	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YI
	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991		1989
NORTH CAROLINA FIELD CROPS	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*				
Barley for Grain	50	35	40	43	30	35	Bu.	48.0
Oats for Grain	100	80	85	55	40	40	Bu.	57.0
Rye for Grain	150	100	110	25	15	20	Bu.	21.0
Wheat for Grain	680	600	550	630	550	480	Bu.	34.0
Corn for Grain [4]	1,050	1,200	1,050	950	1,070	950	Bu.	93.0
Corn for Silage [5]	-	-	-	95	85	90	Ton	15.0
Cotton, [3 6]	112	201	460	110	200	457	Lb.	615
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	-
Peanuts [3]	153.0	165.0	162.0	152.0	164.0	162.0	Lb.	2,435
Sorghum for Grain [4]	90	65	45	60	40	25	Bu.	54.0
Sorghum for Silage [5]	-	-	-	23	20	15	Ton	11.0
Soybeans for Beans	1,600	1,400	1,350	1,550	1,350	1,310	Bu.	27.0
Tobacco, Type 11	-	-	-	98.0	106.0	104.0	Lb.	1,945
Type 12	-	-	-	127.0	135.0	129.0	Lb.	2,090
Type 13	-	-	-	34.0	35.0	33.0	Lb.	2,120
Total 11-13	-	-	-	259.0	276.0	266.0	Lb.	2,039
Type 31 [3]	-	-	-	7.7	8.2	9.0	Lb.	1,680
All [3]	-	-	-	266.7	284.2	275.0	Lb.	2,029
HAY CROPS								
Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	35	30	40	Ton	3.00
Other	-	-	-	480	440	480	Ton	2.20
All	-	-	-	515	470	520	Ton	2.25
FRUITS AND NUTS				*Actual Acres*				
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	15,100	15,000	15,200	Lb.	14,600
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	3,300	2,900	2,900	Lb.	2,940
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	650	600	700	Ton	2.6
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	4,300	4,200	4,300	Lb.	2,790
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
POTATOES				*Actual Acres*				
Irish Potatoes, Spring	16,200	16,500	17,300	15,600	16,200	17,000	Cwt.	140
Summer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	Cwt.	90
All	17,700	18,000	18,800	17,000	17,600	18,400	Cwt.	136
Sweetpotatoes	35,000	36,000	31,000	34,000	34,000	30,000	Cwt.	120
VEGETABLES FRESH MARKET				*Actual Acres*				
Cabbage, All [9]	6,200	5,700	6,000	6,000	5,400	5,800	Cwt.	160
Cucumbers	6,200	6,300	6,000	6,000	6,100	5,800	Cwt.	60
Green Peppers	7,000	8,000	8,000	6,100	7,000	7,600	Cwt.	38
Snap Beans, All	6,500	7,000	7,000	6,000	6,700	6,800	Cwt.	32
Strawberries, All	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,200	Cwt.	42
Sweet Corn	5,600	5,500	5,200	5,400	5,200	4,900	Cwt.	65
Tomatoes	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,300	1,400	1,600	Cwt.	190
Watermelons	9,000	10,000	11,000	7,400	9,500	10,200	Cwt.	130
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	27,700	25,000	23,300	26,500	24,600	21,400	Ton	3.28
UNITED STATES	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*				
Barley for Grain	9,125	8,221	8,941	8,313	7,529	8,413	Bu.	48.6
Oats for Grain	12,085	10,423	8,654	6,882	5,945	4,796	Bu.	54.3
Rye for Grain	2,014	1,625	1,671	484	375	396	Bu.	28.2
Wheat for Grain, All	76,615	77,241	69,906	62,189	69,283	57,693	Bu.	32.7
Corn for Grain [4]	72,221	74,171	75,951	64,703	66,952	68,842	Bu.	116.3
Cotton, All [3]	10,587	12,348	14,052	9,538	11,732	12,960	Lb.	614
Peanuts for Nuts [3]	1,665	1,840	2,039	1,645	1,810	2,016	Lb.	2,426
Sorghum for Grain [4]	12,642	10,535	11,014	11,103	9,089	9,820	Bu.	55.4
Soybeans for Beans	60,820	57,795	59,060	59,538	56,512	57,951	Bu.	32.3
Tobacco, Flue-Cured [3]	-	-	-	390.7	416.9	402.6	Lb.	2,069
Burley [3]	-	-	-	244.4	271.2	312.0	Lb.	1,975
All [3]	-	-	-	678.2	733.3	763.8	Lb.	2,016
Hay, All	-	-		63,300	61,407	62,575	Ton	2.30

[1] *Received by Farmers.* [2] *Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.* [3] *Revised.* [4] *Planted for all purposes.* [5] *Green-weight*

es, North Carolina and United States, 1989-1991

PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [1]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [2]		
1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991 [3]	1989	1990	1991 [3]
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousands Dollars*		
2,064	1,590	1,645	1.60	2.15	2.10	3,302	3,228	3,455
3,135	2,440	2,200	1.40	1.80	1.50	4,389	4,075	3,300
525	345	500	2.90	2.20	1.95	1,523	759	975
21,420	22,550	19,200	3.40	3.00	2.85	72,828	67,650	54,720
88,350	72,760	85,500	2.67	2.53	2.60	235,895	184,083	222,300
1,425	1,020	1,440	-	-	-	-	-	-
141	263	640	0.627	0.690	0.593	42,435	87,106	182,170
49	91	229	100.00	112.00	53.00	4,900	10,192	12,137
370,120	475,600	461,700	0.292	0.349	0.274	108,075	165,984	126,506
3,240	1,840	1,250	1.90	2.18	2.24	6,156	4,011	2,800
253	180	180	-	-	-	-	-	-
41,850	32,400	38,645	5.68	5.68	5.45	237,708	184,032	210,615
190,610	221,540	236,600	1.683	1.682	1.738	320,797	372,630	411,211
265,430	319,950	302,505	1.675	1.692	1.729	444,595	541,355	523,031
72,080	80,150	77,550	1.658	1.633	1.713	119,509	130,885	132,843
528,120	621,640	616,655	1.676	1.681	1.730	884,901	1,044,398	1,067,085
12,936	17,999	18,000	1.666	1.743	1.772	21,551	31,372	31,896
541,056	639,639	634,655	1.675	1.683	1.732	906,452	1,076,242	1,098,981
105	87	120	-	-	120.00	-	-	14,400
1,056	924	1,056	-	-	61.00	-	-	64,416
1,161	1,011	1,176	64.00	67.00	67.00	72,282	65,292	78,792
220,000	230,000	260,000	0.088	0.100	0.092	19,380	22,932	23,920
9,700	6,100	11,500	0.824	1.087	0.821	7,997	6,632	9,439
1.7	1.5	2.2	406.000	533.000	506.000	690	800	1,114
12,000	10,000	34,000	0.175	0.270	0.176	2,100	2,700	5,986
300	100	1,100	0.750	1.250	1.000	225	125	1,100
400	300	1,400	0.550	1.000	0.800	220	300	1,120
700	400	2,500	0.636	1.060	0.890	445	425	2,220
2,184	3,240	2,890	-	-	-	-	-	-
126	140	154	-	-	-	-	-	-
2,310	3,380	3,044	8.80	5.75	7.50	20,559	19,620	22,940
4,080	4,930	4,050	18.70	8.40	11.10	76,296	41,412	44,955
960	918	928	8.00	7.00	9.50	7,680	6,426	8,816
360	390	232	13.50	13.00	12.50	4,860	5,070	2,900
232	329	342	22.00	22.50	22.50	5,104	7,403	7,695
192	228	238	31.00	27.00	29.00	5,952	6,156	6,902
88	126	121	54.00	51.00	58.10	4,752	6,426	7,030
351	338	294	15.80	15.20	14.50	5,546	5,138	4,263
247	301	272	15.40	19.00	16.90	3,804	5,719	4,597
962	1,568	1,581	4.65	4.75	3.55	4,473	7,448	5,613
86.92	98.15	92.88	223.00	236.00	257.00	19,383	23,163	23,870
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
404,203	422,196	464,495	2.42	2.14	2.10	968,180	911,545	975,440
373,587	357,524	242,526	1.49	1.14	1.20	548,938	417,637	291,031
13,647	10,176	9,761	2.06	2.09	2.20	28,099	21,298	21,474
2,036,618	2,736,428	1,980,704	3.72	2.61	3.05	7,542,464	7,184,427	6,041,147
7,525,493	7,934,028	7,474,480	2.36	2.28	2.40	17,896,810	18,191,643	18,063,205
12,196	15,505	17,614	0.662	0.682	0.583	3,877,888	5,075,826	4,926,571
3,989,995	3,602,770	4,926,576	0.278	0.349	0.283	1,116,452	1,257,185	1,392,296
615,420	573,303	579,490	2.10	2.12	2.32	1,287,738	1,220,499	1,344,417
1,923,666	1,925,947	1,985,564	5.69	5.74	5.60	10,916,145	11,042,010	11,119,158
808,350	939,234	911,887	1.674	1.673	1.723	1,353,411	1,571,141	1,570,961
482,568	597,927	658,181	1.672	1.753	1.788	806,998	1,048,110	1,176,859
1,367,188	1,626,380	1,663,464	1.708	1.738	1.773	2,335,052	2,827,167	2,949,632
145,512	146,820	153,485	85.40	80.60	71.00	11,196,699	10,460,264	10,897,435

net weight bales. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Utilized production. [9] Includes small quantities for processing.

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HAY STOCKS

Hay stored on North Carolina farms as of May 1, 1992 totaled 212,000 tons. This is up 16 percent from the 182,000 tons on hand May 1, 1991.

For the U.S., on-farm hay stocks on May 1, 1992 totaled 28.6 million tons, up six percent from last year.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION MORE THAN DOUBLE

North Carolina cotton growers produced 640,000 bales in 1991, more than double the 1990 crop. Area harvested in 1991 totaled 457,000 acres, more than double the previous year. The yield of lint per acre averaged 672 pounds, 41 pounds more than a year earlier.

All cotton production in the United States totaled 17.6 million bales in 1991, 14 percent above the 1990 production. This large increase was due to both larger acreage and increased yields. Upland cotton production, at 17.2 million bales, was 14 percent above the 1990 level. American-Pima production totaled 398.4 thousand bales, 11 percent more than the 1990 production.

N.C. SPRING POTATO FORECAST UP 14 PERCENT

The spring Irish potato crop in the State is forecast at 3.3 million cwt., 14 percent more than last year's production. The area for harvest is estimated at 17,300 acres, 300 more than in 1991. The yield per acre is forecast at 190 cwt., up 20 cwt. from last season.

U.S. spring potato production is forecast at 22.1 million cwt., up seven percent from last year.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES, U.S. [1]

YEAR	Winter			Spring			TOTAL
	Hard Red	Soft Red	White	Hard Red	Durum	White	
	1,000 Bushels						
1990	1,198,782	547,126	284,966	554,678	122,430	28,446	2,736,428
1991	901,346	325,201	145,635	431,223	103,957	73,342	1,980,704
1992	995,276	378,243	244,498				

[1] *Wheat class estimates are based on varietal acreage survey data available for all wheat producing states. Unless unusual situations dictate, the previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season.*

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, APRIL 1992			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	APR. 1991	JAN. 1992	APR. 1992
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**233.00**	212.00	203.00	209.00	213.00	211.00
38-42% Protein	**310.00**	310.00	304.00	295.00	301.00	304.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**183.00**	174.00	188.00	178.00	179.00	179.00
18% Protein	**192.00**	186.00	201.00	187.00	191.00	190.00
20% Protein	**195.00**	190.00	201.00	189.00	191.00	191.00
32% Protein	**265.00**	244.00	290.00	278.00	285.00	279.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**261.00**	252.00	273.00	249.00	250.00	249.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter	**255.00**	222.00	241.00	222.00	227.00	228.00
Broiler Grower	**209.00**	213.00	242.00	209.00	205.00	212.00
Laying Feed	**200.00**	195.00	224.00	195.00	202.00	200.00
Turkey Grower	**229.00**	234.00	252.00	237.00	239.00	239.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	**11.30**	10.30	10.10	10.80	10.90	10.80
Middlings	**9.20**	7.80	9.00	9.39	9.38	9.15
Corn Meal	**8.30**	8.80	7.00	7.44	7.58	7.56
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**13.50**	11.90	14.30	14.00	14.00	13.80
Soybean Meal 44%	**13.30**	12.60	12.00	12.70	13.00	13.00

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

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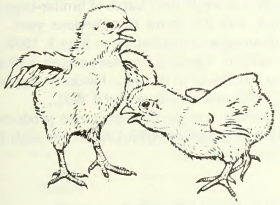
APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during April 1992 totaled 131 million pounds, down 6% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 97,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,350 pounds was down 40 pounds from April 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during April totaled 10.9 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from production in these same states in April 1991. March revised production, at 11.1 billion pounds was virtually the same as March 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,320 pounds for April, 23 pounds more than April 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.26 million head, 158,000 head less than April 1991 and 4,000 less than March 1992.



MILK PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % of 1991
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**100**	**97**	**1,390**	**1,350**	**139**	**131**	**94**
Florida	182	182	1,295	1,315	236	239	101
Maryland	103	98	1,200	1,225	124	120	97
Virginia	139	137	1,300	1,320	181	181	100
21 STATES	8,416	8,258	1,297	1,320	10,918	10,899	100

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	**11,693**	**10,917**	**93**	**5,886**	**5,260**	**89**
East North Central	5,726	5,598	98	9,335	7,574	81
West North Central	11,673	12,056	103	4,854	5,610	116
South Atlantic	184,034	190,115	103	5,537	5,262	95
South Central	233,642	242,000	104	4,379	4,248	97
West	24,735	22,039	89	4,666	5,465	117
UNITED STATES	471,503	482,725	102	34,657	33,419	96

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 250 million eggs during April 1992, down slightly from a year earlier. Production consisted of 143 million table eggs and 107 hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 1% while hatching eggs remained unchanged. The average number of layers on hand during April was 13.0 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 6.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.82 billion during April 1992, up 3% from the 5.64 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.0 billion table eggs, 759 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 65.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during April averaged 277 million, up 2% from a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,101 eggs, compared with 2,077 in April 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 1992, totaled 276 million, up 2% from a year ago. The 276 million layers consisted of 231 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 42.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of eggs laid per day on May 1, 1992, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from last year's 68.4 eggs per 100 layers.

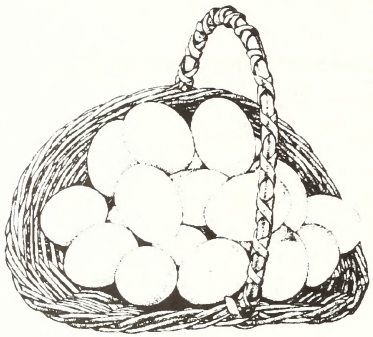
EGG PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		Million Eggs					
North Carolina	**13,248**	**13,048**	**251**	**250**	**144**	**143**	**107**	**107**
Alabama	9,688	9,820	187	186	86	78	101	108
Florida	10,300	9,295	207	187	191	171	16	16
Georgia	17,911	17,629	354	351	228	220	126	131
South Carolina	5,268	5,728	113	121	102	109	11	11
UNITED STATES	271,574	277,147	5,641	5,823	4,826	4,999	815	824

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,538	2,502	2,483
February	167	139	273	196	2,558	2,553	2,375
March	217	279	186	67	2,525	2,666	2,322
April	173	231	178	77	2,609	2,519	2,337
May	202	250			2,586	2,485	2,437
June	242	179			2,684	2,394	2,476
July	321	213			2,653	2,476	2,381
August	279	226			2,660	2,406	2,483
September	171	186			2,628	2,378	2,617
October	155	255			2,630	2,440	2,524
November	171	210			2,473	2,498	2,471
December	229	134			2,544	2,546	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] *Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.* [2] *For April 1992, includes pullet chicks placed Oct. 1990 through Sept. 1991.*



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1990	1991	1992
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-14 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	4,587	4,594	4,995	109	34,352	37,096	39,950
February	4,340	4,929	4,674	95	34,764	37,526	39,903
March	4,924	4,951	5,234	106	35,277	37,708	40,103
April	4,592	5,556	5,492	99	35,882	38,011	40,588
May	5,089	5,614			36,416	38,551	40,590
June	5,134	4,852			35,762	38,341	40,453
July	4,438	4,667			35,799	38,489	39,889
August	4,604	4,940			35,851	37,994	39,270
September	4,890	5,079			35,663	37,789	39,092
October	4,880	4,931			36,382	38,302	39,659
November	4,714	4,814			36,167	39,254	40,211
December	4,740	4,992			36,669	39,978	
ANN. TOT.	56,932	59,919					

[1] *Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.* [2] *For April 1992, includes pullet chicks places Feb. 1991 through Sept. 1991.*

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 35.8 million, down 10% from April 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.4 million on May 1, 1992, down 4% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 178,000 during April 1992, down 23% from the 231,000 of April 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	896	566	63
Florida	1,828	1,352	74
Georgia	2,021	2,205	109
Indiana	6,886	5,920	86
Iowa	1,986	2,695	136
Kansas	324	352	109
Minnesota	2,129	2,096	98
Missouri	1,058	707	67
Pennsylvania	5,092	4,364	86
Other States [1]	17,518	15,540	89
UNITED STATES	39,738	35,797	90

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.*

BROILER HATCH

Nationally, the April 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 572 million, was 3% above the previous year. There were 483 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 1992, up 2% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.49 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 1992, down 1% from April 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 52.4 million broiler chicks during April 1992, down slightly from the 52.6 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**52,584**	**52,389**	**100**
Alabama	86,118	86,597	101
Arkansas	95,726	98,301	103
Delaware	16,000	15,724	98
Florida	11,516	12,393	108
Georgia	78,537	79,750	102
Maryland	32,241	34,011	105
Mississippi	37,649	39,713	105
Pennsylvania	10,939	10,462	96
South Carolina	8,010	9,620	120
Texas	34,040	34,344	101
Virginia	17,011	17,937	105
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	27,903	28,963	104
Washington & Oregon	5,684	5,941	105
Other States [1]	43,534	46,244	106
UNITED STATES	557,492	572,389	103
15 STATES [2]	508,274	520,204	102

[1] *Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.* [2] *States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.*

WORKERS ON FARMS, APRIL 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**141**	**122**	**78**	**68**	**16**	**13**	**47**	**41**	**28**	**29**	**19**	**12**
Appalachian II	187	204	129	151	25	24	33	29	19	19	14	10
Southeast	136	122	69	67	20	8	47	47	34	35	13	12
U.S. (49 States)	2,669	2,743	1,438	1,481	394	436	837	826	634	636	203	190

[1] Survey period in 1991 was April 7-13. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

APRIL WORKER NUMBERS DOWN

There were 2.87 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 12-18, 1992. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.44 million of the total, along with 394,000 unpaid workers, and 837,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 205,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.05 per hour during the April 1992 survey week. This rate was up 24 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.75 per hour compared with $5.44 last April. Field workers received an average of $5.68 per hour, up 23 cents from the April 1991 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.52 per hour compared with $5.35 a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 36.5 hours, compared to 36.7 hours in the comparable week in 1991. Unpaid workers averaged 34.5 hours, compared to 34.3 hours last year. Hired employees worked 39.6 hours compared to 40.0 hours in April of last year.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 41 percent of the hired workers during the survey week, the same as in April 1991.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], APRIL 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**4.77**	**4.31**	**5.55**	**5.30**	**9.85**	**7.75**	**6.54**	**6.22**	**5.16**	**4.50**	**4**	4	**5.78**	**5.25**
Appalachian II	4.90	4.98	5.21	4.90	4	10.32	4	4	4.98	5.09	4	4	5.49	6.62
Southeast	4.53	4.66	5.42	6.36	10.07	8.61	8.48	7.10	4.94	4.71	4	5.67	5.88	6.59
U.S. (49 States)	5.68	5.45	5.52	5.35	9.83	8.82	7.36	7.39	5.75	5.44	6.52	6.59	6.66	6.42

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1991 was April 7-13. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], APRIL 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rates	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**31.5**	**32.1**	**34.1**	**41.2**	**38.5**	**39.8**	**5.34**	**4.79**
Appalachian II	24.7	21.5	28.2	23.2	35.3	32.6	5.11	5.61
Southeast	33.2	28.4	36.8	38.1	38.8	38.2	5.22	5.20
U.S. (49 States)	36.5	36.7	34.5	34.3	39.6	40.0	6.05	5.81

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1991 was April 7-13. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

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APRIL RED MEAT SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat slaughter in North Carolina during April 1992 totaled 61.8 million pounds, up 40% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during April totaled 3.26 billion pounds, 1% below a year earlier.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.79 billion pounds. This was down 5% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.59 million, down 6%. The average live weight increased 10 pounds to 1,154. **Veal production**, at 25.0 million pounds, was up 10%. Calf slaughter totaled 110,700 head, up 3%. The average live weight increased 30 pounds to 390. **Pork production**, at 1.41 billion pounds, was up 4% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.79 million head, up 4% from last year. The average live weight remained the same at 252 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 33.0 million pounds, was up 14% from last year. Slaughter totaled 525,700 head, up 15%. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 123.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 1992, totaled 37.2 million, down 4% from a year earlier but up 3% from April 1, 1992. The 28.2 million poults placed during April 1992 in the United States were 2% below the placements during the same month last year and 2% above March 1992. The cumulative total for the September 1991 through April 1992 period, however, was up 3% from the same period a year ago. The western division of the United States showed the largest decline in poults placed during April, down 23% from April 1991.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators May 1			Poults Placed During April [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**4,712**	**5,220**	**111**	**3,426**	**3,881**	**113**
East North Central	12,400	11,359	92	8,948	8,850	99
West North Central	11,314	11,774	104	8,760	8,893	102
South Central	4,238	4,117	97	3,254	3,146	97
West	6,025	4,777	79	4,505	3,472	77
UNITED STATES	38,689	37,247	96	28,893	28,242	98

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

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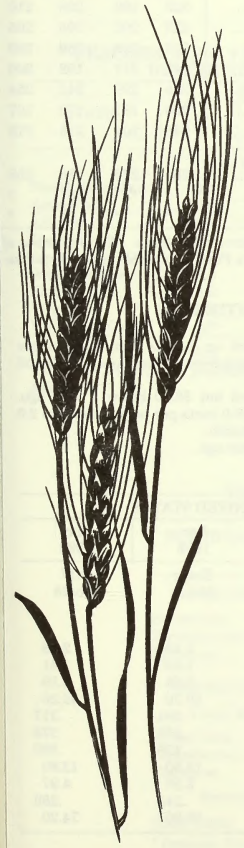
1992 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 19.3 MILLION BUSHELS

Winter wheat production in North Carolina is forecast at 19.3 million bushels, unchanged from the forecast a month earlier but up fractionally from last year's production. Harvest is underway with two percent of the crop harvested by June 7. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 470,000 acres, down two percent from 1991. Yield per acre is forecast at 41 bushels, the same as a month earlier but up one bushel from last year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels as of June 1, 1992. This is down five percent from the May 1 forecast but 12 percent more than the 1991 crop. A reduction in estimated acres to be harvested, coupled with lower yields from last month, caused the decline. Area for grain is now 42.9 million acres. This acreage level is off one percent from May 1 but up nine percent from last year. Yields are now expected to average 35.9 bushels per acre, 1.4 bushels less than the May forecast but 1.1 bushels per acre more than the 1991 average.

As of May 31, 1992, heading was occurring in all major producing States. Drought has reduced yields in the Pacific Northwest; cool temperatures and short soil moisture have hindered development of Michigan's wheat. Low head counts have pointed to yield reduction in the principal Soft Red Winter States, except Arkansas, where yield prospects improved from May 1. Drought and/or frost damage have led to lower yields in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Harvest activity has been delayed by rain in Oklahoma and Texas.



WINTER WHEAT - Acreage, Yield and Production, 1990 - 1992

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1991	Ind. 1992	1991	Ind. 1992	1990	1991	1992
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*		*1,000 Bushels*		
N.C.	**480**	**470**	**40.0**	**41.0**	**22,550**	**19,200**	**19,270**
Ala.	110	95	25.0	40.0	6,650	2,750	3,800
Ariz. [1]	29	44	100.0	98.0	5,130	2,900	4,312
Ark.	930	900	22.0	40.0	49,000	20,460	36,000
Calif.	410	560	80.0	80.0	42,560	32,800	44,800
Colo.	2,300	2,300	31.0	27.0	84,150	71,300	62,100
Del. [1]	67	70	53.0	42.0	3,060	3,551	2,940
Fla. [1]	25	40	23.0	36.0	1,815	575	1,440
Ga.	425	325	33.0	41.0	20,650	14,025	13,325
Idaho	700	800	70.0	65.0	69,000	49,000	52,000
Ill.	1,400	1,100	32.0	42.0	88,800	44,800	46,200
Ind.	720	550	40.0	41.0	50,440	28,800	22,550
Iowa [1]	50	55	34.0	45.0	3,375	1,700	2,475
Kans.	11,000	10,900	33.0	32.0	472,000	363,000	348,800
Ky.	400	420	27.0	47.0	20,000	10,800	19,740
La. [1]	190	160	20.0	32.0	12,870	3,800	5,120
Md. [1]	195	215	50.0	48.0	9,880	9,750	10,320
Mich.	560	610	43.0	45.0	41,250	24,080	27,450
Minn. [1]	55	45	36.0	33.0	2,550	1,980	1,485
Miss.	250	260	18.0	38.0	15,600	4,500	9,880
Mo.	1,500	1,350	32.0	38.0	76,000	48,000	51,300
Mont.	1,800	2,000	40.0	26.0	87,500	72,000	52,000
Nebr.	2,100	1,950	32.0	29.0	85,500	67,200	56,550
Nev. [1]	4	5	90.0	90.0	420	360	450
N.J. [1]	26	30	46.0	48.0	1,247	1,196	1,440
N. Mex. [1]	320	320	25.0	28.0	8,100	8,000	8,960
N.Y. [1]	110	110	49.0	48.0	7,105	5,390	5,280
N. Dak. [1]	90	185	33.0	33.0	4,320	2,970	6,105
Ohio	1,080	1,115	49.0	47.0	79,650	52,920	52,405
Okla.	5,000	6,100	28.0	30.0	201,600	140,000	183,000
Oreg.	800	835	52.0	51.0	54,600	41,600	42,585
Pa. [1]	175	175	44.0	48.0	10,500	7,700	8,400
S.C.	275	270	31.0	40.0	14,440	8,525	10,800
S. Dak.	1,300	1,400	35.0	25.0	57,600	45,500	35,000
Tenn.	320	310	24.0	40.0	17,640	7,680	12,400
Tex.	2,800	4,000	30.0	32.0	130,200	84,000	128,000
Utah [1]	130	115	36.0	43.0	6,000	4,680	4,945
Va. [1]	250	260	49.0	50.0	12,220	12,250	13,000
Wash.	700	2,100	58.0	57.0	138,600	40,600	119,700
W. Va. [1]	10	12	45.0	45.0	552	450	540
Wis. [1]	120	120	49.0	43.0	9,805	5,880	5,160
Wyo. [1]	190	190	29.0	27.0	5,945	5,510	5,130
U.S.	39,396	42,871	34.8	35.9	2,030,874	1,372,182	1,537,157

[1] *Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.*

1991 SWEETPOTATO REVISIONS

The final estimate of 1991 sweetpotatoes in North Carolina places production at 4.05 million cwt. This is 18 percent below the 1990 production of 4.93 million cwt. and one percent below the 1989 production of 4.08 million cwt. The Tar Heel State's 1991 production accounted for 36 percent of the U.S. total.

The U.S. final estimate of sweetpotato production for 1991 is 11.2 million cwt., 11 percent below 1990 and one percent below 1989. The revised total placed production three percent under the preliminary estimate made last December. Harvest came from 77,800 acres, 13 percent fewer than the number harvested a year earlier and ten percent below two years before. The average yield was 144 cwt. per acre, up three cwt. from 1990 and 12 cwt. above two years earlier.

SWEETPOTATOES: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1990-91, Revised

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*	
N.C.	**36.0**	**31.0**	**34.0**	**30.0**	**145**	**135**	**4,930**	**4,050**
Ala.	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.7	120	145	588	682
Calif.	8.3	8.2	8.3	8.2	175	185	1,453	1,517
Ga.	5.0	4.0	4.5	3.8	130	155	585	589
La.	22.0	17.0	21.0	16.0	160	150	3,360	2,400
Md.	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	140	120	84	36
Miss.	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.5	120	140	420	490
N.J.	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.9	130	120	273	228
S.C.	3.5	3.1	3.4	2.9	110	95	374	276
Tex.	6.8	5.8	6.2	5.5	60	140	372	770
Va.	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	155	165	155	165
U.S.	93.9	81.2	89.5	77.8	141	144	12,594	11,203

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The May 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 230% of its 1967 base, was up 1 point from April 1992. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, and turkeys. The index was 14 points below a year earlier.

The May 1992 "All Crops" index, at 247, was unchanged from the previous month and 13 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for May 1992, at 200, was down 2 points from the previous month and 17 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for May 1992, at 254, was up 11 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 167, was down 3 points. The dairy index, at 215, was unchanged from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	May 15 1990 [1]	May 15 1991 [1]	Apr. 15 1992 [1]	May 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	249	244	229	230
All Crops	250	260	247	247
Tobacco	255	270	260	260
Oil Bearing	244	279	214	219
Grains	225	198	208	210
Commercial Vegetables	222	202	205	205
Fruits	289	229	289	289
Livestock and Livestock Products	247	217	198	200
Meat Animals	328	299	243	254
Poultry	206	181	170	167
Dairy	248	204	215	215
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	281	278	258	258
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	387	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	67	[4]

[1] Revised [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in May 1992 was $2.90 per bushel, up 3 cents from the previous month and 16 cents above a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.97 per bushel, were up 20 cents from the previous month and 17 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in May, at $42.40 per hundredweight, were up $3.30 from April but $8.90 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 36.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 30.2 cents per dozen, were down 7.6 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.80 per hundredweight, was unchanged from a month earlier but 70 cents above a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		May 1991	Apr. 1992	May 1992	May 1991	Apr. 1992	May 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.74	2.87	2.90	2.38	2.48	2.48
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.16	1.46	1.41
Soybeans	Bu.	5.80	5.77	5.97	5.67	5.66	5.89
Hogs, All	Cwt.	51.30	39.10	42.40	54.10	40.70	45.20
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.290	.280	.290	.311	.294	.317
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.380	.340	.360	.383	.368	.376
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.422	.378	.302	.477	.429	.390
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.10	13.80	13.80	11.30	12.50	12.80
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.98	5.56	4.97
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.225	.243	.250
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	83.70	73.00	74.20

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 59 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 2.22 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.40 billion pounds last year. This total includes 996 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.12 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 104 million pounds. There were 617,000 pounds of commodity credit corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of April 30, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 845 million pounds of which 776 million pounds were edible grades and 69.1 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 159 million pounds; Runners, 560 million pounds; and Spanish, 57.0 million pounds.

N.C. IRISH POTATO FORECAST

Spring Irish potato production for 1992 is forecast at 3.3 million cwt. in North Carolina, unchanged from the previous forecast but 14 percent more than last year's production. The area for harvest, at 17,300 acres, is 300 acres more than in 1991. Yield per acre is forecast at 190 cwt., up 20 cwt. from last season.

U.S. production of spring potatoes is forecast at 23.2 million cwt., up 12 percent from last year but four percent below the 1990 crop. Area for harvest is estimated at 85,000 acres, down three percent from a year ago and 11 percent below two years ago. The average yield, at 273 cwt. per acre, is the second highest on record for a spring potato crop. The average yield per acre increased 37 cwt. from last year and is 19 cwt. above 1990.

SPRING IRISH POTATOES, JUNE 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992
	1,000 Acres		*Cwt.*			*1,000 Cwt.*	
North Carolina	**17.0**	**17.3**	**170**	**190**	**3,240**	**2,890**	**3,287**
Alabama	2.5	3.5	120	155	855	300	543
Arizona	6.0	6.1	295	295	1,794	1,770	1,800
California	21.8	19.3	380	390	8,438	8,284	7,527
Florida							
Hastings	27.0	27.0	190	280	6,888	5,130	7,560
Other	8.4	7.0	175	250	1,826	1,470	1,750
Texas	4.8	4.8	165	155	1,122	792	744
TOTAL	87.5	85.0	236	273	24,163	20,636	23,211

PEACHES, JUNE 1 FORECAST, NINE STATES

STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	1990	1991	Indicated 1992
	- Million Pounds -		
North Carolina	**10.0**	**35.0**	**12.0**
Alabama	12.0	16.0	13.0
Arkansas	18.0	12.0	11.0
Georgia	130.0	150.0	130.0
Louisiana	4.0	5.0	3.5
South Carolina	110.0	310.0	150.0
Texas	24.0	32.0	27.0
Virginia	2.5	26.0	25.0
West Virginia	3.0	18.0	17.0
9 STATES	313.5	604.0	388.5

[1] *Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold.*

PEACH CROP SECOND SMALLEST SINCE 1985

Peach production in the State is forecast at 12 million pounds, 66 percent less than the bumper crop of 1991. If realized, production will equal the 1989 output and will be the second smallest crop since 1985 when two million pounds were produced.

The first U.S. peach forecast for 1992 is 2.53 billion pounds, five percent less than 1991 but 13 percent more than 1990. Production of the peach crop, excluding California's Clingstone crop which is mostly canned, is forecast at 1.43 billion pounds, down 13 percent from 1991 but 17 percent more than 1990. Production of California Clingstone peaches is expected to total 1.10 billion pounds, up seven percent from last year and up nine percent from 1990.

California's Freestone crop is 20 percent picked as the warm spring temperatures advanced maturity. The Clingstone crop is maturing about two weeks ahead of normal. A warm January and February caused South Carolina's crop to bloom earlier than normal. Production potential was reduced by several freezes which occurred in March and April. Frost and freezing temperatures reduced production potential in Georgia. Dry weather during May caused some fruit to reach less than desirable size. Much of the South and the Ohio River Valley suffered frost damage this year which lowered production expectations. Freeze damage was minimal in the North Atlantic Coast, Rocky Mountain, and Pacific Coast States.

VEGETABLES: Acres, Yield, Production & Value, 1990-91, Revised

NORTH CAROLINA	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value Of Production	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
Fresh Market	*Acres*		*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		*1,000 Dollars*	
Sweet corn	5,200	4,900	65	60	338	294	5,138	4,263
Strawberries [1]	2,100	2,200	60	55	126	121	6,426	7,030
Tomatoes	1,400	1,600	215	170	301	272	5,719	4,597
UNITED STATES								
Fresh Market	*Acres*		*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		*1,000 Dollars*	
Sweet Corn	185,000	173,200	90	85	16,741	14,697	250,858	251,008
Strawberries [1]	46,180	46,680	272	293	12,543	13,689	580,101	634,028
Tomatoes	134,290	131,680	251	256	33,709	33,747	923,393	1,075,032
Processing			*Tons*		*Tons*			
Snap Beans	246,130	235,050	3.23	3.31	795,980	778,670	145,598	136,966

[1] *Includes Fresh Market and Processing.*

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CATTLE ON FEED DOWN IN 7 MONTHLY STATES

Cattle and calves on feed May 1, 1992, for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 7.82 million head, down 9% from a year ago and 4% below May 1, 1990. Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during April totaled 1.44 million, up 1% from last year and 5% above 1990. Net placements of 1.31 million for April were up 1% from last year and 6% above 1990.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.50 million, down 9% from last year and 3% below two years ago. This is the lowest April marketings since 1983. Other disappearance totaled 125,000 head compared to 128,000 in April 1991, and 125,000 in April 1990.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1 TO MAY 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	February 1			**March 1**		
Arizona	228	213	93	219	205	94
California	420	380	90	420	360	86
Colorado	915	885	97	895	880	98
Iowa	1,060	875	83	1,060	880	83
Kansas	1,750	1,810	103	1,740	1,810	104
Nebraska	2,280	1,950	86	2,320	2,000	86
Texas	2,310	2,090	90	2,220	2,020	91
7 STATES	8,963	8,203	92	8,874	8,155	92
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	April 1			**May 1**		
Arizona	201	203	101	185	198	107
California	380	315 [1]	83	360	300	83
Colorado	930	910	98	915	880	96
Iowa	1,070	840	79	1,050	810	77
Kansas	1,760	1,810	103	1,710	1,770	104
Nebraska	2,370	1,960	83	2,280	1,930	85
Texas	2,230	1,970	88	2,090	1,930	92
7 STATES	8,941	8,008	90	8,590	7,818	91

[1] *Revised*

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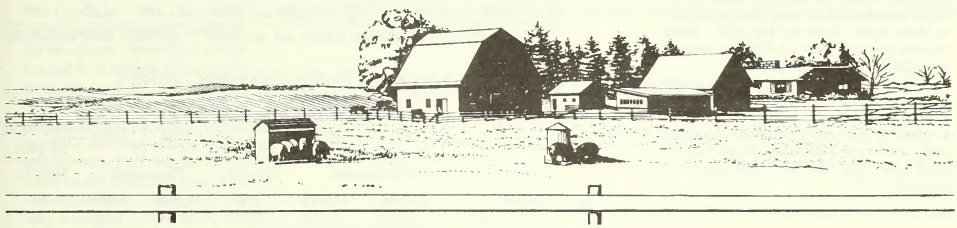

NORTH CAROLINA 1992 CROP ACREAGE INCREASES

North Carolina farmers increased corn, soybean, wheat, oats, tobacco and hay acreage in 1992. Cotton, sorghum and barley decreased in acreage while peanut and sweetpotato acres were unchanged. Planting progressed behind normal in 1992 for most crops but crop conditions were rated mostly good to fair as of June 21, 1992.

Cotton producers planted 390,000 acres, 15 percent less than 1991, but the second highest since 1964.

Flue-cured tobacco farmers set 267,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 9,200 acres compared with 9,000 acres in 1991.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,100,000 acres, up five percent from last year.

Peanut farmers in the State planted 162,000 acres, unchanged from 1991.

Soybean plantings totaled 1,400,000 acres, four percent above 1991.

Wheat harvested acreage will total 555,000 acres, 16 percent above the 480,000 harvested last year.

Sweetpotato planted acreage is estimated at 31,000 acres, the same as 1991.

Hay producers expect to cut 530,000 acres, two percent above 1991.

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1992 CROP ACREAGES

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1991	1992 Ind.	Percent Change	1991	1992 Ind.	Percent Change
	1,000 Acres		+ / -	*1,000 Acres*		+ / -
Barley [1]	40	35	-13	8,941	7,782	-13
Oats [1]	85	90	+6	8,654	8,026	-7
Wheat, All [1]	550	600	+9	69,906	72,327	+3
Corn, All	1,050	1,100	+5	75,951	79,335	+4
Cotton, All [2]	460	390	-15	14,052	13,577	-3
Peanuts	162	162	0	2,039	1,778	-13
Sorghum, All	45	40	-11	11,014	12,370	+12
Soybeans for Beans	1,350	1,400	+4	59,060	59,030	0
Tobacco:						
Type 11 [3]	104	102	-2	143	140	-2
Type 12 [3]	129	131	+2	129	131	+2
Type 13 [3]	33	34	+3	84	86	+2
Type 14 [3]	-	-	-	46.6	50.6	+9
Flue-Cured [3]	266	267	0	402.6	407.6	+1
Type 31 [3]	9.0	9.2	+2	312.0	325.5	+4
All [3]	275.0	276.2	0	763.8	784.3	+3
Hay, All [3]	520	530	+2	62,575	60,205	-4
Sweetpotatoes	31	31	0	81.2	84.0	+3

[1] Includes acreage planted in preceding fall. [2] Includes Upland and American-Pima. [3] Harvested Acres.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during May 1992 totaled 132 million pounds, down 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 98,000 head, down 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,350 pounds was down 15 pounds from May 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during May totaled 11.2 billion pounds, slightly lower than production in these same states in May 1991. April revised production at 10.9 billion pounds was slightly less than April 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,360 pounds for May, 21 pounds more than May 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.25 million head, 142,000 head less than May 1991 and the same as April 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**99**	**98**	**1,365**	**1,350**	**135**	**132**	**98**
Florida	181	182	1,250	1,320	226	240	106
Maryland	103	98	1,230	1,235	127	121	95
Virginia	139	137	1,290	1,290	179	177	99
21 STATES	8,396	8,254	1,339	1,360	11,240	11,224	100

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**11,918**	**11,532**	**97**	**6,659**	**5,598**	**84**
East North Central	5,515	6,332	115	7,716	7,420	96
West North Central	11,318	11,824	104	4,998	5,302	106
South Atlantic	185,602	190,657	103	5,153	5,072	98
South Central	241,152	244,900	102	4,278	3,880	91
West	24,157	23,470	97	4,749	4,469	94
UNITED STATES	479,662	488,715	102	33,553	31,741	95

MAY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 260 million eggs during May 1992, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 148 million table eggs and 112 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 3% while hatching eggs remained unchanged. The average number of layers on hand during May was 13.1 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 6.2 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.91 billion during May 1992, up 2% from the number produced a year ago. Production included 5.04 billion table eggs, 800 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 65.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during May averaged 276 million, up 2% from a year ago. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,141 eggs, compared with 2,126 in May 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 1992, totaled 275 million head, compared with 272 million head a year ago. The 275 million layers consisted of 230 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 42.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.85 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of eggs laid per day on June 1, 1992, averaged 68.6 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 68.7 for June 1, 1991.

EGG PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,271**	**13,081**	**256**	**260**	**144**	**148**	**112**	**112**
Alabama	9,710	9,905	185	193	73	79	112	114
Florida	10,123	8,900	211	177	194	161	17	16
Georgia	17,733	17,341	342	347	211	211	131	136
South Carolina	5,444	5,676	117	126	106	112	11	14
UNITED STATES	271,637	275,803	5,777	5,907	4,934	5,042	843	865

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 1992, totaled 37.1 million, down 2% from a year earlier. The 28.6 million poults placed during May 1992 in the United States were 4% below the placements during the same month last year but 1% above April 1992. The cumulative total for the September 1991 through May 1992 period was up 2% from the same period the previous year. The Western Division of the United States showed the largest decline in poults placed during May, down 25% from May 1991.

TURKEY HATCHERY

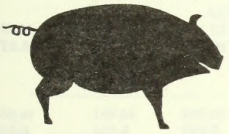
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators June 1			Poults Placed During May		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,827**	**12,247**	**104**	**8,923**	**9,391**	**105**
East North Central	4,481	5,088	114	3,505	3,646	104
West North Central	12,109	11,245	93	9,468	8,939	94
South Central	4,290	4,069	95	3,299	3,149	95
West	5,368	4,484	84	4,667	3,488	75
UNITED STATES	38,075	37,133	98	29,862	28,613	96

HOG NUMBERS UP

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms June 1, 1992, totaled 4,200,000 head, up 33% from a year earlier. Breeding stock at 465,000 head is up 24% and market hogs at 3,735,000 head are 35% above a year ago. North Carolina ranks sixth nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs. The state's pig crop during the March-May period totaled 1,838,000 head, 17% above the same months last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.55 head compared to 8.70 during March-May last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 230,000 sows during the June-August quarter and 240,000 sows during the September-November quarter. If these expectations are realized, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 75,000 head or 19% over the same period last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the U.S. June 1, 1992 is estimated at 59.3 million head. This number is 5% above a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.60 million head, is 1% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 51.7 million head, up 6% from last year. The December 1991 - May 1992 pig crop was 50.4 million head, 6% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter was 8.05, a record high for this period. Expected farrowings for the June - November period totaled 6.18 million sows, up 2% from last year.

Estimates for the 16 quarterly States account for about 91% of the U.S. total inventory. These states, with 54.1 million head, were up 6% from last year. The December 1991 - May 1992 pig crop was 45.9 million head, 6% more than last year. Producers intend to have 5.64 million sows farrow during the June - November period, an increase of 2% from a year earlier.



HOGS AND PIGS - JUNE 1, 1992 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 1991	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1992 As % Of 1991	UNITED STATES 1991	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS:						
All Hogs and Pigs	3,150	4,200	133	56,390	59,265	105
Kept for breeding	375	465	124	7,500	7,603	101
Market	2,775	3,735	135	48,890	51,662	106
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,140	1,425	125	20,750	21,547	109
60-119 Lbs.	625	895	143	12,375	12,996	105
120-179 Lbs.	520	745	143	8,821	9,607	109
180 Lbs. and Over	490	670	137	6,944	7,512	108
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	165	210	127	2,711	2,892	107
March-May	180	215	119	3,285	3,364	102
December[1]-May	345	425	123	5,996	6,256	104
June-August	190	230 [2]	121	3,097	3,136 [2]	101
September-November	205	240 [2]	117	2,969	3,045 [2]	103
June-November	395	470 [2]	119	6,066	6,181 [2]	102
PIG CROP:						
December[1]-February	1,361	1,764	130	21,325	23,202	109
March-May	1,566	1,838	117	26,142	27,159	104
December[1]-May	2,927	3,602	123	47,467	50,361	106
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December[1]-February	8.25	8.40	102	7.87	8.02	102
March-May	8.70	8.55	98	7.96	8.07	101
December[1]-May	8.48	8.48	100	7.92	8.05	102

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS UP

There were 529,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed states during the week of May 10-16, 1992. This compares with 487,000 workers during the May 1991 survey week. There were 51,500 agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches in California and Florida compared to 49,000 in May of 1991.

Average May wage rates received by hired workers in the eleven surveyed states ranged from $4.63 per hour in Wisconsin to $6.45 per hour in Florida. Wages were higher when compared with last year except in Texas and Washington. In May, agricultural service workers were paid an average of $5.80 and $7.44 per hour in California and Florida, respectively.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, APRIL-MAY, 1992 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS APRIL	NUMBER OF WORKERS MAY	WAGE RATES [2] APRIL	WAGE RATES [2] MAY
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**36**	**39**	**5.29**	**5.02**
New York	24	21	5.85	6.00
Pennsylvania	25	31	6.10	6.17
Florida	65	47	6.39	6.45
Michigan	20	26	6.34	6.17
Wisconsin	23	25	5.17	4.63
Texas	53	48	5.27	5.07
New Mexico	7	7	6.06	5.26
Oregon	26	29	6.36	6.25
Washington	28	39	6.45	5.88
California	166	217	6.70	6.30

[1] *Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. April survey week April 12-18, 1992 and May survey week May 10-16, 1992.* [2] *Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.*

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NORTH CAROLINA CORN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS DOWN

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on June 1, 1992, totaled 19.1 million bushels, 18 percent less than the same quarter in 1991. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 8.5 million bushels, down 29 percent from last year. Off-farm holdings totaled 10.6 million bushels, compared to 11.2 million bushels on June 1, 1991.

Soybean stocks in all positions as of June 1, 1992 totaled 8.5 million bushels, one percent less than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 2.8 million bushels, were down 13 percent but off-farm stocks, at 5.7 million bushels were up six percent from June 1, 1991.

GRAIN STOCKS, JUNE 1, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,500	18,500	18,008	18,187	35,508	36,687
June 1	**12,000**	**8,500**	**11,176**	**10,577**	**23,176**	**19,077**
September 1	4,800		5,441		10,241	
December 1	34,500		25,897		60,397	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,000	6,500	9,551	10,364	16,551	16,864
June 1	**3,200**	**2,800**	**5,404**	**5,742**	**8,604**	**8,542**
September 1	1,300		2,341		3,641	
December 1	14,000		16,141		30,141	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	320	400	4,125	4,385	4,445	4,785
June 1	**150**	**40**	**2,369**	**2,255**	**2,519**	**2,295**
September 1	1,600		10,645		12,245	
December 1	800		6,537		7,337	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1 [2]	3,064,500	2,610,200	1,724,474	1,950,785	4,788,974	4,560,985
June 1	**1,755,000**	**1,517,500**	**1,236,957**	**1,221,072**	**2,991,957**	**2,738,572**
September 1	691,200		830,045		1,521,245	
December 1	4,294,500		2,246,624		6,541,124	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1 [2]	532,920	275,550	863,336	611,685	1,396,256	885,235
June 1	**341,210**	**144,605**	**524,706**	**327,666**	**865,916**	**472,271**
September 1	828,000		1,212,719		2,040,719	
December 1	564,800		878,721		1,443,521	
SOYBEANS						
March 1 [2]	555,500	505,000	634,619	672,343	1,910,119	1,177,343
June 1	**336,500**	**279,000**	**387,022**	**416,671**	**723,522**	**695,671**
September 1	118,400		210,642		329,042	
December 1	810,000		968,957		1,778,957	
SORGHUM						
March 1 [2]	73,780	54,960	259,099	196,286	332,879	251,246
June 1	**43,750**	**34,140**	**178,250**	**76,247**	**222,000**	**110,387**
September 1	22,150		120,435		142,585	
December 1	110,200		340,262		450,462	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *Revised.*

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GENERAL SITUATION

After an unusually wet and cool spring, temperatures have remained near normal over the last three weeks. As of July 5, 1992 soil moisture supplies were rated 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

While some areas of the state reported scattered crop damage from hail, heavy rains and damaging winds, overall the condition of most crops remains good. Crop harvest and plant development have been slowed by the continued wet conditions across the state. The small grains harvest, which was virtually complete by this time last year, is only two-thirds complete. As of July 5, 35 percent of the cotton had squared with less than 5 percent setting bolls and 39 percent of the corn crop had silked. Soybean planting is nearing completion with the young crop just beginning to flower. The peach harvest is about one-third complete. A late freeze in April damaged the peach crop resulting in a wide variation in supply.

NORTH CAROLINA ACREAGE, 1991-1992

CROPS	1991		1992 [1]	
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
	Acres			
Fresh Market Vegetables				
Snap Beans	7,000	6,800	7,200	7,000
Cabbage	6,000	5,800	6,100	5,800
Cucumbers	6,000	5,800	5,900	5,700
Green Peppers	8,000	7,600	8,200	7,800
Watermelons	11,000	10,200	10,900	10,100

[1] *Preliminary.*

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION DOWN

Apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 230 million pounds, 12 percent less than last season's production of 260 million pounds but the same as the 1990 crop. The crop is currently in mostly good condition.

The first forecast of the 1992 U.S. apple crop, at 10.1 billion pounds, is two percent above last year's crop and four percent more than production in 1990.

ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, JULY 1, 1992

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	35	30	47	68	1,645	2,040
Oats, grain	Bu	40	50	55	55	2,200	2,750
Wheat for grain	Bu.	480	555	40	50	19,200	27,750
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	104	102	2,275	2,100	236,600	214,200
Type 12	Lb.	129	131	2,345	2,250	302,505	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	33	34	2,350	2,150	77,550	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	266	267	2,318	2,180	616,655	582,050
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1]	Lb.	14,000	[2]	18,600	[2]	260,000	230,000
Peaches [1]	Lb.	4,300	[2]	8,140	[2]	35,000	12,000
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring	Cwt.	17,000	17,300	170	190	2,890	3,287
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,400	110	115	154	161
All	Cwt.	18,400	18,700	165	184	3,044	3,448
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Million*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	8,413	7,294	55.2	50.9	464.5	371.4
Oats, grain	Bu.	4,796	4,795	50.6	53.5	242.5	256.4
Wheat for grain, All	Bu.	57,693	63,069	34.3	35.4	1,980.7	2,232.1
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	402.6	407.6	2,265	2,185	911.9	890.5
Fruit:							
Apples [1]	Lb.	481.9	[2]	20,500	[2]	9,898.7	10,059.0
Peaches [1]	Lb.	185.7	[2]	14,400	[2]	2,672.3	2,512.5
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring	Cwt.	87.5	85.0	236	273	20.6	23.2
Summer	Cwt.	97.3	86.4	233	237	22.6	20.5
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	184.8	171.4	234	255	43.2	43.7

[1] *Utilized production.* [2] *Released 1/19/93.*

MAY RED MEAT SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat slaughter in North Carolina during May 1992 totaled 54.4 million pounds, up 27 percent from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during April totaled 3.24 billion pounds, 2 percent below a year earlier.

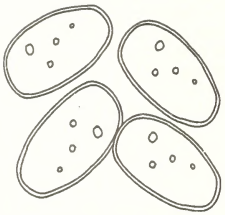
Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.90 billion pounds. This was down 2 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.75 million, down 4 percent. The average live weight increased 10 pounds to 1,150. **Veal production**, at 25.0 million pounds, was up 6 percent. Calf slaughter totaled 105,700 head, up 1 percent. The average live weight increased 30 pounds to 400. **Pork production**, at 1.29 billion pounds, was down slightly from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.06 million head, down 1 percent from last year. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 254. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 25.0 million pounds, was down 17 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 388,300 head, down 16 percent. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 127.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 58 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on June 29, 1992, totaled 1.81 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.15 billion pounds last year. This total includes 622 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.09 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 101 million pounds. There were 600,000 pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of May 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 821 million pounds of which 760 million pounds were edible grades and 61.3 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 151 million pounds; Runners, 557 million pounds; and Spanish, 51.0 million pounds.



N.C. SUMMER POTATO PRODUCTION UP

The summer Irish potato crop in North Carolina is expected to produce 161,000 cwt., up five percent from last year. Production is up due to an increase in yield estimated at 115 cwt. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1,400 acres, unchanged from 1991.

U.S. production of summer potatoes is forecast at 20.5 million cwt., down ten percent from last year and 11 percent below 1990. Farmers expect to harvest 86,400 acres during the summer season, a decrease of 11 percent from a year earlier. The average yield is expected to gain four cwt. per acre over a year ago.

N.C. FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

The flue-cured tobacco crop in North Carolina is forecast at 582 million pounds, down six percent from the 1991 crop. The decrease is due to smaller yields. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,180 pounds, down 138 pounds from the previous season's average of 2,318 pounds. Area for harvest at 267,000 acres is up fractionally from last year.

The first U.S. flue-cured production forecast for this season is 890 million pounds, two percent less than last year's output. Yield per acre for all flue-cured is forecasted at 2,185 pounds, 80 pounds below the 1991 average yield. Acres for harvest are up one percent from a year earlier.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, JULY 1, 1992

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**102.0**	**2,090**	**2,275**	**2,100**	**221,540**	**236,600**	**214,200**
N.C.	**12**	**135.0**	**129.0**	**131.0**	**2,370**	**2,345**	**2,250**	**319,950**	**302,505**	**294,750**
N.C.	**13**	**35.0**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**2,290**	**2,350**	**2,150**	**80,150**	**77,550**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**276.0**	**266.0**	**267.0**	**2,252**	**2,318**	**2,180**	**621,640**	**616,655**	**582,050**
Va.	11	40.0	39.0	38.0	2,120	2,260	2,150	84,800	88,140	81,700
S.C.	13	51.0	51.0	52.0	2,155	2,180	2,150	109,905	111,180	111,800
Ga.	14	43.0	40.0	43.0	2,415	2,015	2,200	103,845	80,600	94,600
Fla.	14	6.9	6.6	7.6	2,760	2,320	2,675	19,044	15,312	20,330
U.S.	11-14	416.9	402.6	407.6	2,253	2,265	2,185	939,234	911,887	890,480

PEACH PRODUCTION DOWN

As harvest progresses, North Carolina peach growers expect to harvest 12 million pounds of peaches. This is down 66 percent from the pounds produced last year but 20 percent more than the freeze reduced crop in 1990. As of July 5, harvesting reached 66 percent completion in North Carolina and the condition of the crop is rated very poor to excellent.

U.S. peach production is forecast at 2.51 billion pounds, down one percent from the June forecast and down six percent from 1991. Production of the Freestone crop, excluding California Clingstone peaches that are mostly canned, is expected to total 1.41 billion pounds, down one percent from June 1 and down 14 percent from last year.

N.C. BARLEY PRODUCTION UP

Barley production in North Carolina is forecast at 2.04 million bushels, 24 percent more than last year. Area for harvest at 30,000 acres is down 14 percent from 1991. The yield per acre is expected to average 68 bushels, 21 bushels more than last year.

U.S. barley production is forecast at 371 million bushels as of July 1, 1992. This is 20 percent below the 1991 production of 464 million bushels. Yields are expected to average 50.9 bushels per acre, 4.3 bushels less than last year. Area harvested and to be harvested, at 7.29 million acres, is down 13 percent from last year's 8.41 million acres.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in June 1992 was $2.89 per bushel, down 3 cents from the previous month but 22 cents above a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.97 per bushel, were up 7 cents from the previous month and 38 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in June, at $42.90 per hundredweight, were up $2.40 from May but $9.30 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 35.0 cents per pound, were down 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 36.4 cents per dozen, were up 6.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.40 per hundredweight, was up 50 cents from a month earlier and $1.30 above a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		June 1991	May 1992	June 1992	June 1991	May 1992	June 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Corn	Bu.	2.67	2.92	2.89	2.31	2.48	2.42
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.08	1.43	1.38
Soybeans	Bu.	5.59	5.90	5.97	5.56	5.87	5.82
Hogs, All	Cwt.	52.20	40.50	42.90	54.70	44.80	46.30
Com'l. Broilers [1]	Lb.	.295	.290	.300	.315	.317	.316
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.390	.360	.350	.387	.376	.374
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.437	.302	.364	.477	.390	.407
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.10	13.90	14.40	11.40	12.90	13.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	8.90	-	8.10	7.42	4.42	4.39
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.232	.250	.249
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	74.50	74.20	75.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	June 15 1990 [1]	June 15 1991 [1]	May 15 1992 [1]	June 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	244	244	229	233
All Crops	248	258	247	247
Tobacco	255	270	260	260
Oil Bearing	245	274	217	219
Grains	231	194	211	209
Commercial Vegetables	162	189	200	200
Fruits	289	229	289	289
Livestock and Livestock Products	239	220	199	207
Meat Animals	316	299	248	255
Poultry	200	185	167	177
Dairy	239	204	217	225
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	278	282	257	254
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The June 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 233 percent of its 1967 base, was up 4 points from May 1992. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for soybeans, hogs, broilers, eggs, and milk. The index was 11 points below a year earlier.

The June 1992 "All Crops" index, at 247, was unchanged from the previous month and 11 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for June 1992, at 207, was up 8 points from the previous month but 13 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for June 1992, at 255, was up 7 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 177, was up 10 points. The dairy index, at 225, was up 8 points from a month earlier.

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WHEAT PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina winter wheat production is forecast at 27.8 million bushels, up 45 percent from the 1991 crop of 19.2 million bushels and the June 1 forecast of 19.3 million bushels. Area harvested for grain, at 555,000 acres is up 16 percent from 1991. Yields are expected to average 50 bushels per acre, ten bushels more than the previous season's average and nine bushels more than the June 1 forecast.

U.S. winter wheat production for 1992 is now forecast at 1.57 billion bushels, up two percent and 15 percent from June 1 and 1991, respectively. Yields are now expected to average 37.0 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from the June forecast and 2.2 bushels higher than last season. Area for grain is 42.6 million acres, up eight percent from last year.

WINTER WHEAT - Acreage, Yield and Production, 1991 - 1992

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1991	Ind. 1992	1991	Ind. 1992	1991	Ind. 1992
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*		*1,000 Bushels*	
N.C.	**480**	**555**	**40.0**	**50.0**	**19,200**	**27,750**
Ala.	110	95	25.0	45.0	2,750	4,275
Ariz.	29	44	100.0	90.0	2,900	3,960
Ark.	930	900	22.0	46.0	20,460	41,400
Calif.	410	550	80.0	80.0	32,800	44,000
Colo.	2,300	2,300	31.0	27.0	71,300	62,100
Del.	67	70	53.0	52.0	3,551	3,640
Fla.	25	25	23.0	40.0	575	1,000
Ga.	425	350	33.0	44.0	14,025	15,400
Idaho	700	800	70.0	65.0	49,000	52,000
Ill.	1,400	1,100	32.0	52.0	44,800	57,200
Ind.	720	450	40.0	45.0	28,800	20,250
Iowa	50	40	34.0	37.0	1,700	1,480
Kans.	11,000	10,900	33.0	32.0	363,000	348,800
Ky.	400	420	27.0	54.0	10,800	22,680
La.	190	160	20.0	36.0	3,800	5,760
Md.	195	220	50.0	54.0	9,750	11,880
Mich.	560	630	43.0	45.0	24,080	28,350
Minn.	55	45	36.0	40.0	1,980	1,800
Miss.	250	260	18.0	42.0	4,500	10,920
Mo.	1,500	1,350	32.0	44.0	48,000	59,400
Mont.	1,800	2,250	40.0	26.0	72,000	58,500
Nebr.	2,100	1,950	32.0	29.0	67,200	56,550
Nev.	4	5	90.0	90.0	360	450
N.J.	26	30	46.0	48.0	1,196	1,440
N. Mex.	320	340	25.0	30.0	8,000	10,200
N.Y.	110	115	49.0	53.0	5,390	6,095
N. Dak.	90	160	33.0	31.0	2,970	4,960
Ohio	1,080	1,140	49.0	51.0	52,920	58,140
Okla.	5,000	6,000	28.0	30.0	140,000	180,000
Oreg.	800	850	52.0	49.0	41,600	41,650
Pa.	175	185	44.0	47.0	7,700	8,695
S.C.	275	270	31.0	46.0	8,525	12,420
S. Dak.	1,300	1,200	35.0	25.0	45,500	30,000
Tenn.	320	310	24.0	47.0	7,680	14,570
Tex.	2,800	3,800	30.0	34.0	84,000	129,200
Utah	130	130	36.0	43.0	4,680	5,590
Va.	250	260	49.0	51.0	12,250	13,260
Wash.	700	2,000	58.0	55.0	40,600	110,000
W. Va.	10	11	45.0	46.0	450	506
Wis.	120	70	49.0	34.0	5,880	2,380
Wyo.	190	210	29.0	25.0	5,510	5,250
U.S.	39,396	42,550	34.8	37.0	1,372,182	1,573,901

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N. C. FARM NUMBERS UNCHANGED AT 60,000

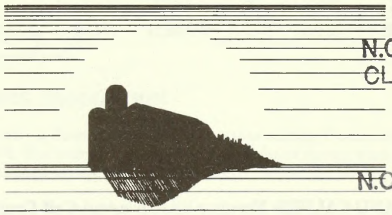
The number of farms in North Carolina totaled 60,000 this year. Land in farms is estimated at 9.5 million acres, down one percent from 1991. The average size farm decreased two acres from a year ago to 158.

The number of farms in the United States is estimated at 2.1 million farms. Land in farms totaled 980 million acres, down 2.7 million acres from 1991. The average size farm increased one acre from a year ago to 468.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, 1989-1992 [1]

YEAR	Number Of Farms	Land In Farms	Average Size	SALES CLASS ESTIMATES					
				$1,000-$9,999	$10,000-$99,999	$100,000 +	$1,000-$9,999	$10,000-$99,999	$100,000 +
	Thousand	*Thousand Acres*	*Acres*	*Number*			*Thousand Acres*		
				NORTH CAROLINA					
1989	65	10,000	154	39,000	17,500	8,500	2,500	3,400	4,100
1990	62	9,700	156	35,000	19,000	8,000	2,200	3,400	4,100
1991	60	9,600	160	34,000	18,200	7,800	2,179	2,721	4,700
1992	60	9,500	158	34,000	18,200	7,800	1,950	2,750	4,800
				UNITED STATES					
1989	2,171	991,153	457	1,047,300	810,800	312,420	103,673	399,680	487,800
1990	2,140	987,420	461	1,017,050	801,570	321,800	98,820	390,800	497,800
1991	2,105	982,766	467	1,002,900	775,100	327,060	98,496	376,300	507,970
1992	2,096	980,063	468	1,006,200	763,200	326,340	96,863	370,700	512,500

[1] *A farm is any establishment from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.*



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NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS UP

There were 575,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed states during the week of June 7-13, 1992. This compares with 566,000 workers during the June 1991 survey week. There were 61,500 agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches in California and Florida compared to 64,000 in June of 1991.

Average June wage rates received by hired workers in the eleven surveyed states ranged from $4.75 per hour in Wisconsin to $6.54 per hour in Oregon. Wages were higher when compared with last year except in Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. In June, agricultural service workers were paid an average of $5.76 and $7.30 per hour in California and Florida, respectively.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, MAY-JUNE, 1992 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	JUNE	MAY	JUNE	MAY
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**38**	**39**	**5.07**	**5.02**
New York	25	21	6.10	6.00
Pennsylvania	35	31	6.10	6.17
Florida	38	47	6.51	6.45
Michigan	37	26	6.14	6.17
Wisconsin	38	25	4.75	4.63
Texas	50	48	5.11	5.07
New Mexico	8	7	5.53	5.26
Oregon	28	29	6.54	6.25
Washington	68	39	5.78	5.88
California	210	217	6.28	6.30

[1] *Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. May survey week May 10-16, 1992 and June survey week June 7-13, 1992.* [2] *Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.*

BROILER HATCH

Nationally, the June 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 583 million, was 2% above June of the previous year. There were 484 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 1992, up 5% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.17 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1992, up 7% from June 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 52.6 million broiler chicks during June 1992, down 1% from the 52.9 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	52,903	52,572	99
Alabama	89,848	89,056	99
Arkansas	99,644	100,015	100
Delaware	16,607	16,331	98
Florida	11,639	12,594	108
Georgia	79,785	81,814	103
Maryland	32,184	34,035	106
Mississippi	38,652	40,842	106
Pennsylvania	11,582	10,984	95
South Carolina	8,501	10,057	118
Texas	35,053	34,692	99
Virginia	17,132	17,621	103
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	31,022	30,105	97
Washington & Oregon	5,203	6,154	118
Other States [1]	41,309	46,550	113
UNITED STATES	571,064	583,422	102
15 STATES [2]	524,552	530,718	101

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

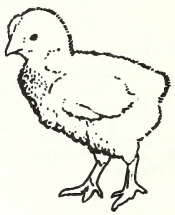
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 34.3 million, down 5% from June 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.9 million on July 1, 1992, down 9% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 225,000 during June 1992, up 26% from the 179,000 of June 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	880	947	108
Florida	1,848	1,406	76
Georgia	1,529	2,041	133
Indiana	6,084	6,166	101
Iowa	2,370	3,076	130
Kansas	258	412	160
Minnesota	1,670	1,918	115
Missouri	571	540	95
Pennsylvania	4,378	3,848	88
Other States [1]	16,486	13,963	85
UNITED STATES	36,074	34,317	95

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UNCHANGED

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 1992, totaled 109.2 million head, unchanged from July 1, 1991, but up 2% from the 107.4 million two years ago.

Class estimates on July 1, 1992, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

All cows and heifers that calved, at 44.5 million, were unchanged from a year ago but up 1% from two years ago.

Beef cows, at 34.7 million, were up slightly from July 1, 1991, and 2% above two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.85 million, were 1% below July 1, 1991, and 2% below 1990. All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.9 million, down 1% and up 3%. Beef replacement heifers, 5.70 million, up 8% and up 12%. Milk replacement heifers, 4.20 million, unchanged from the previous two years. Other heifers, 7.00 million, down 7% and down 1%. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.1 million, unchanged and up 4%. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.20 million, unchanged from the previous two years. Calves under 500 pounds, 30.5 million, up slightly and up 1%.

The 1992 calf crop is expected to be 39.5 million, up 1% from both 1991 and 1990. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.8 million, up slightly from both 1991 and 1990.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 1990-92

CLASS	1990	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
		1,000 Head		*Percent*
Cattle and Calves	107,400	109,200	109,200	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved:	44,000	44,500	44,500	100
Beef Cows	33,900	34,500	34,650	100
Milk Cows	10,100	10,000	9,850	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,400	17,000	16,900	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,100	5,300	5,700	108
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,200	4,200	4,200	100
Other Heifers	7,100	7,500	7,000	93
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	15,100	15,100	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,200	2,200	2,200	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	30,300	30,400	30,500	100
Calf Crop	39,249	39,256	39,500	101

JUNE MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during June 1992 totaled 114 million pounds, down 4% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,190 pounds was down 20 pounds from June 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during June totaled 10.8 billion pounds, up 2% from production in these same States in June 1991. May revised production at 11.3 billion pounds was up fractionally from May 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,305 pounds for June, 43 pounds above June 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.26 million head, 116,000 head below June 1991 and 6,000 below May 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**96**	**1,210**	**1,190**	**119**	**114**	**96**
Florida	178	182	1,130	1,135	201	207	103
Maryland	103	98	1,100	1,155	113	113	100
Virginia	139	136	1,165	1,185	162	161	99
21 STATES	8,372	8,256	1,262	1,305	10,567	10,772	102

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**11,672**	**11,762**	**101**	**6,934**	**5,098**	**74**
East North Central	5,110	5,391	105	8,249	7,377	89
West North Central	10,467	10,749	103	4,204	4,886	116
South Atlantic	180,790	187,929	104	4,870	4,594	94
South Central	229,224	245,056	107	3,279	3,599	110
West	23,256	22,715	98	4,123	3,321	81
UNITED STATES	460,519	483,602	105	31,659	28,875	91

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 1992, totaled 37.3 million, down 1% from a year earlier. The 28.8 million poults placed during June 1992 in the United States were 2% above the placements during the same month last year and up 1% from May 1992. The cumulative total for the September 1991 through May 1992 period was up 2% from the same period the previous year. The East North Central Division of the United States showed the largest increase in poults placed during June, up 11% from June 1991.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators July 1			Poults Placed During June [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**12,006**	**12,340**	**103**	**8,821**	**9,744**	**110**
East North Central	4,459	5,120	115	3,496	3,880	111
West North Central	11,701	10,488	90	8,820	8,631	98
South Central	4,137	4,005	97	3,016	3,225	107
West	5,474	5,310	97	4,003	3,309	83
UNITED STATES	37,777	37,263	99	28,156	28,789	102

[1] Excludes exported poults.

JUNE EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 254 million eggs during June 1992, up 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 147 million table eggs and 107 million hatching eggs, both up 1%. The average number of layers on hand during June was 13.1 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 6.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.69 billion during June 1992, up 1% from the number produced a year ago. Production included 4.86 billion table eggs, 759 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 64.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during June averaged 275 million, up 1% from a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,069 eggs, compared with 2,068 in June 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1992, totaled 274 million, up 1% from last year's total of 271 million. The 274 million layers consisted of 230 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1992, averaged 69.3 eggs per 100 layers, compared to last year's 69.2 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,269**	**13,086**	**251**	**254**	**145**	**147**	**106**	**107**
Alabama	9,563	9,818	177	177	69	68	108	109
Florida	9,970	8,830	208	171	190	158	18	13
Georgia	17,507	17,186	324	330	198	199	126	131
South Carolina	5,463	5,703	116	122	104	108	12	14
UNITED STATES	271,739	274,822	5,622	5,687	4,806	4,864	816	823

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UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 56 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on June 30, 1992, totaled 1.33 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 851 million pounds last year. This total includes 188 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.06 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 88.8 million pounds. There were 445,000 pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of June 30, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 797 million pounds of which 727 million pounds were edible grades and 70.3 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 130 million pounds; Runners, 552 million pounds; and Spanish, 44.7 million pounds.

N.C. CUCUMBER ACREAGE DOWN TWO PERCENT

Contracted acreage of cucumbers for pickles in North Carolina totaled 18,500 acres in 1992, two percent less than last year. Of the total acreage, 15,000 are contracted for early season production and 3,500 for the late season.

Nationally, pickle packers have contracted 91,740 acres of cucumbers for pickles in 1992, down five percent from last year and 14 percent less than in 1990.

JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION U.S. SETS RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during June 1992 totaled 58.1 million pounds, up 35% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during June totaled 3.42 billion pounds, 12% above a year earlier and 2% above the previous June record high of 3.34 billion pounds set in 1989. Pork production, at 1.33 billion pounds, surpassed the previous June record high of 1.31 billion pounds set in 1980.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 2.04 billion pounds. This was up 9% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.92 million, up 8%. The average live weight increased 9 pounds to 1,159. **Veal production**, at 25.0 million pounds, was up 26%. Calf slaughter totaled 107,600 head, up 17%. The average live weight increased 38 pounds to 394. **Pork production**, at 1.33 billion pounds, was up 17% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.35 million head, up 17% from last year. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 254. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 27.0 million pounds, was up 8% from last year. Slaughter totaled 435,800 head, up 7%. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 125.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Crop conditions have generally been good throughout the year with the exception of the peach crop which was damaged by a late April freeze. After an unusually cool and wet spring, a hot dry spell in July began to stress crops, especially corn and soybeans. Showers in early August helped crop conditions improve but excessive rains at mid-month caused concern in some areas.

As of August 9, 1992, soil moisture supplies were rated 3% short, 89% adequate and 8% surplus. Eighty-four percent of the peach crop had been harvested. The flue-cured tobacco harvest was 37% complete. Ninety-six percent of the corn crop had silked, 77% was in the soft dough stage, 53% in the dent stage and 22% was classified as mature. The cotton crop is progressing slowly with 88% of the crop squared and 68% setting bolls. The soybean crop is progressing normally with 49% having bloomed and 20% setting pods. The Irish potato harvest is being wrapped-up. Hay and pastures continue to be in mostly fair to good condition across the state.

N.C. FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION DOWN 6%

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 582 million pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast but 6% less than the previous year. This is the third highest production since 1982. The yield per acre is forecast at 2,180 pounds, 138 pounds less than the record yield of last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 267,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 1991.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 883 million pounds, 1% below the forecast a month ago and 3% less than a year ago. Yield per acre, at 2,167 pounds, is 98 pounds lighter than last year's average. Acres for harvest are 1% above a year earlier.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, August 1, 1992

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**102.0**	**2,090**	**2,275**	**2,100**	**221,540**	**236,600**	**214,200**
N.C.	**12**	**135.0**	**129.0**	**131.0**	**2,370**	**2,345**	**2,250**	**319,950**	**302,505**	**294,750**
N.C.	**13**	**35.0**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**2,290**	**2,350**	**2,150**	**80,150**	**77,550**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**276.0**	**266.0**	**267.0**	**2,252**	**2,318**	**2,180**	**621,640**	**616,655**	**582,050**
Va.	11	40.0	39.0	38.0	2,120	2,260	2,100	84,800	88,140	79,800
S.C.	13	51.0	51.0	52.0	2,155	2,180	2,050	109,905	111,180	106,600
Ga.	14	43.0	40.0	43.0	2,415	2,015	2,200	103,845	80,600	94,600
Fla.	14	6.9	6.6	7.6	2,760	2,320	2,675	19,044	15,312	20,330
U.S.	11-14	416.9	402.6	407.6	2,253	2,265	2,167	939,234	911,887	883,380

N.C. BURLEY TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN 3%

Burley tobacco production in the state is forecast at 17.5 million pounds, 3% less than last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at 1,900 pounds, 100 pounds below last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 9,200 acres, 2% more than a year ago.

U.S. burley output is expected to total 686 million pounds in 1992, up 4% from 1991. The larger production is the result of a 4% increase in acreage. Average yield is forecast at 2,119 pounds per acre, 9 pounds more than last year.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION SECOND HIGHEST IN 40 YEARS

Cotton production in the state is forecast at 520,000 bales, 19% below the 1991 production but is the second highest in 40 years. Area for harvest at 385,000 acres is 16% below last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 648 pounds, down 24 pounds from 1991.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 16.5 million bales, down 6% from last year's production but 7% above the 1990 crop. Upland is expected to account for 16.0 million bales. Pima production if realized, will total 508,000 bales, 28% above last year's production and the second highest production of record. Planted area for all cotton, at 13.4 million acres, is down 5% from last year. Growers expect to harvest 11.4 million acres, down 12% from 1991. Yield is expected to average 696 pounds per acre, up 44 pounds from last year.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION DOWN 1%

North Carolina corn production is forecast at 85 million bushels, down 1% from 1991. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1 million acres, 5% more than last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 85 bushels, 5 bushels less than a year earlier.

The first forecast of the 1992 U.S. corn for grain crop is 8.76 billion bushels, 17% above last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at a record high 121.3 bushels, up 12.7 bushels from last year's yield. The area to be harvested for grain, at 72.2 million acres, is 5% above 1991 but virtually unchanged from the June acreage estimate.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN 2%

North Carolina soybean production is forecast at 37.8 million bushels, 2% less than last year. The yield per acre is forecast at 28 bushels, 1.5 bushels below last year's yield. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 1.35 million acres.

The first soybean production forecast of the 1992 crop is 2.08 billion bushels, up 5% from the previous year. Yield is expected to be a record high 35.8 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from 1991.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 1992

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	35	30	47	68	1645	2040
Oats, grain	Bu.	40	50	55	55	2200	2750
Wheat, grain	Bu.	480	555	40	50	19200	27750
Corn, grain	Bu.	950	1,000	90	85	85,500	85,000
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	457	385	672	648	640	520
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	162	162	2,850	2,800	461,700	453,600
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	25	20	50	50	1,250	1,000
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,310	1,350	29.5	28	38,645	37,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	104	102	2,275	2,100	236,600	214,200
Type 12	Lb.	129	131	2,345	2,250	302,505	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	33	34	2,350	2,150	77,550	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	266	267	2,318	2,180	616,655	582,050
Type 31	Lb.	9	9.2	2,000	1,900	18,000	17,480
All	Lb.	275	276.2	2,308	2,171	634,655	599,530
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	40	30	3.00	2.80	120	84
Other	Ton	480	500	2.20	2.10	1,056	1,050
All	Ton	520	530	2.26	2.14	1,176	1,134
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples	Lb.	14,000	[3]	18,600	[3]	260,000	210,000
Grapes	Ton	550	[3]	4.0	[3]	2.2	2.1
Peaches [1]	Lb.	4,300	[3]	8,140	[3]	35,000	12,000
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	17,000	17,300	170	190	2,890	3,287
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,400	110	115	154	161
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	18,400	18,700	165	184	3,044	3,448
Pasture Conditions	%			79	82		
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Million*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	8,413	7,294	55.2	54.1	464.5	394.9
Oats, grain	Bu.	4,796	4,795	50.6	57.6	242.5	276.4
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	39,396	42,550	34.8	37.6	1,372.2	1,600.9
All	Bu.	57,693	63,069	34.3	37.0	1,980.7	2,335.6
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,842	72,223	108.6	121.3	7,474.5	8,762.1
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	12,715.5	11,141.5	650	690	17.2	16.0
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	2,015.7	1,750.0	2,444	2,602	4,926.6	4,554.2
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,820	12,319	59	67.7	579.5	833.6
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	57,951	58,078	34.3	35.8	1,985.6	2,079.5
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	403	408	2,265	2,167	911.9	883.4
Type 31	Lb.	312	324	2,110	2,119	658.2	686.0
All	Lb.	764	783	2,178	2,129	1,663.5	1,665.9
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	25,585	24,073	3.28	3.25	83.8	78.4
Other	Ton	36,990	36,382	1.88	1.88	69.7	68.4
All	Ton	62,575	60,455	2.45	2.43	153.5	146.8
Fruit:							
Apples	Lb.	481.9	[3]	20,500	[3]	9,898.7	10,158.0
Grapes	Ton	734.9	[3]	7.77	[3]	5.6	6.1
Peaches	Lb.	185.7	[3]	14,400	[3]	2,672.3	2,515.5
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	87.5	85.0	236	273	20.6	23.2
Summer	Cwt.	97.3	86.1	233	244	22.6	21.0
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	184.8	171.1	234	258	43.2	44.2
Pasture Conditions	%			76	86		

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480 - lb bales [3] Released 1/19/93

N.C. SUMMER POTATO CROP UP 5%

The North Carolina summer potato crop is forecast at 161,000 cwt., up 5% from last year and up 15% from the 1990 crop. Area for harvest is forecast at 1,400 acres this year, the same as 1991. Yield per acre is set at 115 cwt., up 5 cwt. from last year.

U.S. production of summer potatoes is forecast at 21.0 million cwt., 3% above July but down 7% from last year. Farmers expect to harvest 86,100 acres during the summer season, a decrease of 12% from a year earlier. Yields are expected to be up 11 cwt. per acre.

N.C. GRAPE PRODUCTION DOWN 5%

Grape production in North Carolina is forecast at 2,100 tons or 5% below last year's production.

The production forecast for all grapes in the U.S. is 6.13 million tons, 10% more than last year and 8% greater than 1990.

N.C. PEANUT CROP DOWN 2%

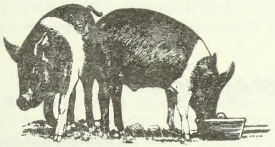
Peanut production in the Tar Heel State is forecast at 454 million pounds, down 2% from last year's production of 462 million pounds. Area for harvest, at 162,000 acres, is unchanged from 1991. The average yield per acre is forecast at 2,800 pounds, 50 pounds or 2% lower than the 1991 average.

U.S. production is forecast at 4.55 billion pounds, down 8% from last year's record high crop but 26% above the 1990 crop. Harvested area, estimated at 1.75 million acres, is 13% below last year. Yields are expected to average 2,602 pounds per acre, 158 pounds above last year and 611 pounds above the 1990 level.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION DOWN 19%

Commercial apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 210 million pounds, a 19% decrease from last year's crop.

The Nation's apple crop forecast was raised 1% from the July 1 figure to 10.2 billion pounds and 3% above the 1991 crop.



FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, JULY 1992			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	JULY 1991	APRIL 1992	JULY 1992
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**224.00**	222.00	196.00	203.00	211.00	206.00
38-42% Protein	**308.00**	319.00	300.00	297.00	304.00	302.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**183.00**	177.00	180.00	172.00	179.00	178.00
18% Protein	**190.00**	185.00	191.00	183.00	190.00	187.00
20% Protein	**191.00**	193.00	187.00	183.00	191.00	191.00
32% Protein	**277.00**	247.00	293.00	274.00	279.00	282.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**259.00**	285.00	272.00	245.00	249.00	250.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter	**254.00**	214.00	242.00	218.00	228.00	228.00
Broiler Grower	**204.00**	212.00	248.00	202.00	212.00	211.00
Laying Feed	**198.00**	199.00	220.00	189.00	200.00	201.00
Turkey Grower	**253.00**	236.00	234.00	227.00	239.00	244.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	**10.90**	10.10	9.70	11.20	11.10	11.00
Middlings	**8.70**	7.10	8.80	9.01	9.15	8.99
Corn Meal	**8.00**	8.80	6.80	7.38	7.56	7.56
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**13.30**	11.80	13.30	13.80	13.80	13.90
Soybean Meal 44%	**13.80**	12.90	11.90	12.70	13.00	13.20

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		July 1991	June 1992	July 1992	July 1991	June 1992	July 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.50	2.85	2.84	2.27	2.47	2.28
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.08	1.38	1.35
Soybeans	Bu.	5.56	6.19	5.67	5.36	5.94	5.55
Hogs, All	Cwt.	52.80	41.50	37.50	54.20	46.40	43.10
Milk Cows	Hd.	1120.00	-	1170.00	1090.00	-	1150.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.310	.300	.310	.323	.316	.338
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.400	.350	.370	.391	.374	.382
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.549	.364	.348	.550	.407	.399
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.50	14.40	14.70	11.80	13.20	13.40
Potatoes	Cwt.	6.00	6.15	6.55	7.62	4.88	7.30
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.246	.257	.271
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	70.20	75.50	71.80

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in July 1992 was $2.84 per bushel, down one cent from the previous month but 34 cents above a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.67 per bushel, were down 52 cents from the previous month but 11 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in July, at $37.50 per hundredweight, were down $4.00 from June and $15.30 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 31.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 37.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 34.8 cents per dozen, were down 1.6 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.70 per hundredweight, was up 30 cents from a month earlier and $1.20 above a year ago. Irish potatoes, at $6.55 per hundredweight, were up 40 cents from a month earlier.

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NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The July 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 230% of its 1967 base, was down 1 point from June 1992. Contributing to the decrease were lower prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, and eggs. The index was 9 points below a year earlier.

The July 1992 "All Crops" index, at 244, was down 2 points from the previous month but 1 point above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for July 1992, at 205, was down 1 point from the previous month and 26 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for July 1992, at 237, was down 13 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 181, was up 4 points. The dairy index, at 229, was up 4 points from a month earlier.

CATFISH FOOD SIZE INVENTORY DOWN

Commercial catfish operations in the U.S. had 201 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 1992, down 11% from the July 1, 1991, total of 227 million. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 5.62 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 46.9 million were medium foodsize (1 1/2 to 3 pounds per fish), and 149 million were small foodsize fish (3/4 to 1 1/2 pounds per fish). Catfish producers had 1.39 million broodfish on hand July 1, 1992, down 9% from the 1.53 million on hand July 1, 1991. The number of stockers on hand July 1, 1992, totaled 655 million fish, up 2% from the 642 million on hand July 1, 1991. Of the total number of stockers, 312.7 million were large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 342.7 million were small stockers (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 1.27 billion fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 1992, down 18% from the 1.56 billion on hand July 1, 1991.

CATFISH: Total Liveweight of Fish, July 1

State	Large Food Size		Medium Food Size		Small Food Size		Stockers		Fingerling/Fry	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousand Pounds						*Thousand Pounds*			
N.C.	**460**	**220**	**638**	**575**	**926**	**1,297**	**426**	**453**	**68**	**66**
Ala.	1,504	2,669	8,197	8,175	14,837	16,805	13,110	11,062	1,265	834
Ark.	2,019	2,567	11,084	12,457	21,894	16,875	14,936	13,527	2,402	2,587
Fla.	112	336	207	460	827	410	304	24	120	63
Ky.	[1]	[1]	252	197	134	109	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
La.	811	1,540	9,067	7,200	12,948	6,500	4,179	7,500	2,313	420
Miss.	7,624	11,145	56,145	51,964	107,895	99,359	103,896	125,187	10,294	11,472
Mo.	230	238	1,024	1,029	1,104	764	1,095	908	289	169
Okla.	225	94	180	151	155	96	189	173	53	53
S.C.	95	14	430	270	1,650	400	735	733	400	45
Tenn.	160	117	135	280	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
Tex.	473	347	740	643	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
Other [2]	502	722	1,767	2,298	7,802	3,544	2,943	4,821	443	523
Total	14,215	20,009	89,866	85,699	170,172	146,159	141,813	164,388	17,647	16,232

[1] *Data not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations. Data included with other states.* [2] *Includes Ca., Ga., Ill., Ks, and Ky.*

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TURKEY RAISED UP NORTH CAROLINA LEADS NATION

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised during 1992 in the United States is 289 million head, 1% above the 285 million raised a year ago.

North Carolina is expected to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 62.0 million birds, up 7% from 1991. Minnesota ranks second with 44.0 million, unchanged from the previous year's level. Arkansas is expected to replace California as the nation's third largest producing state with 26.0 million birds, up 8% from last year. California, at 24.0 million birds, is down 17% from 1991. Missouri is next with 21.0 million, down 2% from a year ago. These five states account for 61% of the nation's output.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED [1]

STATE	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*
North Carolina	**58,000**	**62,000**	**107**
Arkansas	24,000	26,000	108
California	29,000	24,000	83
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	100
Missouri	21,500	21,000	98
Virginia	17,300	19,000	110
UNITED STATES	285,110	289,310	101

[1] 1991 Revised. 1992 Preliminary based on turkeys placed September 1,1991, through August 31, 1992. Excludes young turkeys lost.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 1992, totaled 35.1 million, up 3% from a year earlier. The 29.3 million poults placed during July 1992 in the United States were 2% above both the placements during the same month last year and June 1992.

JULY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 256 million eggs during July 1992, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 149 million table eggs and 107 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 3% while hatching eggs increased 3%. The average number of layers on hand during June was 12.9 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 5.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.90 billion during July 1992, up 2% from the 5.81 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.07 billion table eggs, 769 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 65.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during July averaged 274 million, up 1% from a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,151 eggs, compared with 2,140 in July 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 1992, totaled 274 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 274 million layers consisted of 230 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1992, averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from last year's 68.9 eggs per 100 layers.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators August 1			Poults Placed During July [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,609**	**11,513**	**99**	**9,448**	**9,798**	**104**
East North Central	4,398	5,267	120	3,471	3,989	115
West North Central	9,763	9,845	101	8,580	8,054	94
South Central	3,450	3,754	109	3,099	3,097	100
West	4,834	4,677	97	4,206	4,353	103
UNITED STATES	34,054	35,056	103	28,804	29,291	102

[1] Excludes exported poults.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	11,745	11,137	95	4,988	3,543	71
East North Central	5,333	5,204	98	8,025	7,265	91
West North Central	10,375	10,448	101	4,776	4,531	95
South Atlantic	178,748	186,592	104	4,372	3,594	82
South Central	232,547	238,799	103	3,812	3,759	99
West	22,587	21,215	94	3,749	2,748	73
UNITED STATES	461,335	473,395	103	29,722	25,440	86

EGG PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,153**	**12,941**	**258**	**256**	**154**	**149**	**104**	**107**
Alabama	9,318	9,806	179	182	71	70	108	112
Florida	9,743	8,890	213	185	194	172	19	13
Georgia	17,561	17,047	348	340	220	206	128	134
South Carolina	5,391	5,701	120	124	108	110	12	14
United States	271,570	274,309	5,814	5,903	4,993	5,069	821	834

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 32.0 million, down 5% from July 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 25.4 million on August 1, 1992, down 14% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 237,000 during July 1992, up 11% from the 213,000 of July 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	796	1,132	142
Florida	1,939	1,603	83
Georgia	1,382	1,964	142
Indiana	6,125	5,438	89
Iowa	2,425	3,117	129
Kansas	201	258	128
Minnesota	1,710	1,793	105
Missouri	515	497	97
Pennsylvania	4,176	3360	80
Other States [1]	14,320	12,869	90
UNITED STATES	33,589	32,031	95

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the July 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 584 million, was 3% above July of the previous year. There were 473 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 1992, up 3% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.43 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 1992, up 16% from July 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 53.6 million broiler chicks during July 1992, up 1% from the 53.0 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	52,952	53,567	101
Alabama	88,154	88,879	101
Arkansas	97,508	101,205	104
Delaware	15,582	15,440	99
Florida	11,951	12,803	107
Georgia	80,157	82,692	103
Maryland	32,062	33,590	105
Mississippi	38,320	41,887	109
Pennsylvania	10,821	11,240	104
South Carolina	8,478	10,311	122
Texas	34,051	34,349	101
Virginia	17,541	17,996	103
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	30,502	29,545	97
Washington & Oregon	5,526	6,263	113
Other States [1]	41,655	44,308	106
UNITED STATES	565,260	584,075	103
15 STATES [2]	518,079	533,504	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

JULY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during July 1992 totaled 113 million pounds, down 3% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,180 pounds was down 20 pounds from July 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during July totaled 10.9 billion pounds, 4% more than production in these same States in July 1991. June revised production at 10.9 billion pounds was 3% above June 1991. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,319 pounds for July, 65 pounds more than July 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.26 million head, 94,000 head less than July 1991 and 1,000 less than June 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds		1992 As % Of 1991
					1991	1992	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**97**	**96**	**1,200**	**1,180**	**116**	**113**	**97**
Florida	178	181	1,050	1,060	187	192	103
Maryland	101	98	1,120	1,165	113	114	101
Virginia	139	136	1,150	1,175	160	160	100
21 STATES	8,353	8,259	1,254	1,319	10,472	10,890	104

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION
U.S. SETS RECORD HIGH FOR SECOND MONTH

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during July 1992 totaled 56.3 million pounds, up 7% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during July totaled 3.44 billion pounds, 6% above a year earlier and 1% above the previous July record of 3.28 billion pounds set in 1986. Pork production surpassed the previous July record by 1.23 billion pounds set in 1980.

Beef production, for the U.S. totaled 2.02 billion pounds. This was up 1% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.86 million, up 1%. The average live weight increased 5 pounds to 1,165. **Veal production**, at 24.0 million pounds, was up 10%. Calf slaughter totaled 108,800 head, down 2%. The average live weight increased 45 pounds to 384. **Pork production**, at 1.37 billion pounds, was up 14% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.64 million head, up 13% from last year. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 251. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 27.0 million pounds, was down slightly from last year. Slaughter totaled 443,600 head, down 1%. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 125.

JULY WORKER NUMBERS DOWN

There were 3.56 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 1992. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.60 million of the total, along with 536,000 unpaid workers, and 1.03 million workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 385,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $5.82 per hour during the July 1992 survey week. This rate was up 25 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned $5.56 per hour compared with $5.35 last July. Field workers received an average of $5.47 per hour, up 21 cents from the July 1991 survey week. Livestock workers earned $5.48 per hour compared with $5.16 a year earlier.

Self-employed farm operators worked an average of 39.0 hours, compared to 41.8 hours in the comparable week in 1991. Unpaid workers averaged 36.7 hours, compared to 39.3 hours last year. Hired employees worked 39.9 hours compared to 40.1 hours in July of last year.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 41% of the hired workers during the survey week, compared to 38% in July 1991.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JULY 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

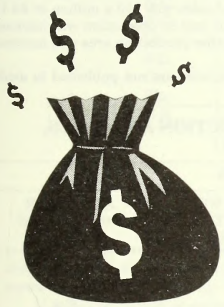
Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**4.74**	**4.69**	**5.64**	**5.50**	**7.72**	**8.04**	**6.45**	[4]	**4.81**	**4.75**	**5.83**	**5.73**	**5.43**	**6.08**
Appalachian II	5.03	4.94	4.98	5.04	8.66	[4]	5.67	[4]	5.03	5.03	[4]	[4]	6.50	5.55
Southeast	4.83	4.37	5.45	5.39	9.36	10.21	6.70	6.58	4.90	4.73	6.00	4.51	5.75	6.00
U.S. (49 States)	5.47	5.26	5.48	5.16	9.03	8.56	7.57	7.74	5.56	5.35	6.31	6.20	6.37	6.03

[1] *Excludes agricultural service workers.* [2] *Survey period in 1991 was July 7-13.* [3] *Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.* [4] *Insufficient data for this category.*

WORKERS ON FARMS, JULY 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**184**	**210**	**75**	**91**	**19**	**26**	**90**	**93**	**30**	**36**	**60**	**57**
Appalachian II	240	209	153	144	40	28	47	37	29	21	18	16
Southeast	155	164	80	76	24	26	51	62	31	32	20	30
U.S. (49 States)	3,172	3,318	1,604	1,594	536	611	1,032	1,113	668	697	364	416

[1] *Survey period in 1991 was July 7-13.* [2] *Excludes agricultural service workers.* [3] *Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.*



ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, JUNE-JULY, 1992 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	JULY	JUNE	JULY	JUNE
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**66**	**38**	**4.86**	**5.07**
California	195	210	6.43	6.28
Florida	39	38	6.55	6.51
Michigan	22	37	5.68	6.14
New Mexico	7	8	5.07	5.53
New York	30	25	5.80	6.10
Oregon	30	28	6.02	6.54
Pennsylvania	28	35	6.00	6.10
Texas	64	50	5.20	5.11
Washington	45	68	6.68	5.78
Wisconsin	30	38	4.82	4.75

[1] *Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. June survey week June 7-13, 1992 and July survey week July 12-18, 1992.* [2] *Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.*

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], JULY 12-18, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**36.6**	**31.9**	**35.0**	**31.2**	**35.2**	**31.7**	**5.00**	**4.96**
Appalachian II	27.6	27.5	29.9	30.6	32.4	33.6	5.35	5.12
Southeast	33.4	35.0	38.5	42.3	38.2	36.1	5.22	4.97
U.S. (49 States)	39.0	41.8	36.7	39.3	39.9	40.1	5.82	5.57

[1] *Excludes agricultural service workers.* [2] *Survey period in 1991 was July 7-13.* [3] *Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.*

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MUSHROOM PRODUCTION DOWN, VALUE CONTINUES TO INCREASE

U.S. total mushroom production decreased 1% during 1991-92 to 743 million pounds. The value of the mushroom crop increased fractionally to $665 million. Growers received slightly higher prices for both fresh and processed mushrooms as prices averaged 89.5 cents per pound, up 1.6 cents from the previous season. The number of growers decreased as many specialty growers went out of business due to difficult growing conditions and marketing problems.

Shiitake sales totaled 2.53 million pounds, 5% above last season. This production grew on 184,000 natural wood outdoor logs, 274,000 natural wood undercover and indoor logs, and 904,000 square feet of indoor growing area. The value of sales was $10.4 million or $4.11 per pound. If growers 1992-93 intentions are carried out, the number of Shiitake natural wood outdoor logs in production will increase 13%, the number of natural wood undercover and indoor logs will increase 15%, and the square feet of other production area will increase 9%.

The above figures for Shiitake and total mushroom production include North Carolina. State estimates are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. SHIITAKE MUSHROOM PRODUCTION AND SALES, JULY 1- JUNE 30 [1]

YEAR	AREA		
	NATURAL WOOD OUTDOOR LOGS	NATURAL WOOD UNDERCOVER AND INDOOR LOGS	ALL OTHER PRODUCTION MEDIA
	1,000		*1,000 sq. feet*
1989 - 90	487	541	742
1990 - 91	319	300	836
1991 - 92	184	274	904

YEAR	SALES			
	TOTAL PRODUCTION [2]	VOLUME OF SALES [3]	PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF SALES
	1,000 Pounds		*Dollars*	*1,000 Dollars*
1989 - 90	2,470	2,256	4.05	9,128
1990 - 91	2,556	2,401	3.66	8,776
1991 - 92	2,765	2,529	4.11	10,396

[1] Statistics represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs or commercial indoor growing area. [2] Total production includes all fresh market and processing sales plus amount harvested but not sold (shrinkage, cullage, dumped, etc.) [3] Virtually all exotic mushroom sales are for fresh market.

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GENERAL SITUATION

In general, crop conditions remain good throughout the state. Abundant rainfall the last half of August and moderate temperatures continue to delay harvest and crop progress. As of September 8, 1992, corn for grain harvest was 13% completed, compared with 23% last year and cotton opening bolls was 26% compared with 58% last year. The soybean crop is rated in mostly good condition and harvest should begin in the next week or two. The flue-cured tobacco harvest is on schedule with 74% completed but burley lags behind with only 27% completed, compared to 46% last year. As of September 8, the cotton crop was rated 5% poor, 43% fair, 46% good and 6% excellent.

N.C. FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION 5% BELOW 1991

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 587 million pounds, 5% below last year's production and 1% more than the previous forecast. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,199 pounds, 119 pounds below last year's record average but 19 pounds more than the outlook a month ago. Area for harvest is estimated at 267,000 acres, up 1,000 from 1991.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to reach 888 million pounds, down 3% from a year ago. Lower yields resulting from cool, wet weather more than offset the slight increase in harvested acres.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, September 1, 1992

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**102.0**	**2,090**	**2,275**	**2,150**	**221,540**	**236,600**	**219,300**
N.C.	**12**	**135.0**	**129.0**	**131.0**	**2,370**	**2,345**	**2,250**	**319,950**	**302,505**	**294,750**
N.C.	**13**	**35.0**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**2,290**	**2,350**	**2,150**	**80,150**	**77,550**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**276.0**	**266.0**	**267.0**	**2,252**	**2,318**	**2,199**	**621,640**	**616,655**	**587,150**
Va.	11	40.0	39.0	37.0	2,120	2,260	2,150	84,800	88,140	79,550
S.C.	13	51.0	51.0	52.0	2,155	2,180	2,050	109,905	111,180	106,600
Ga.	14	43.0	40.0	43.0	2,415	2,015	2,200	103,845	80,600	94,600
Fla.	14	6.9	6.6	7.6	2,760	2,320	2,675	19,044	15,312	20,330
U.S.	11-14	416.9	402.6	406.6	2,253	2,265	2,185	939,234	911,887	883,230

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION UP 2%

Burley tobacco production in North Carolina is expected to total 18.4 million pounds, 5% more than a month earlier and 2% more than last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at 2,000 pounds, the same as last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 9,200 acres, 2% more than a year ago.

U.S. burley output is expected to total 711 million pounds, up 8% from a year ago. The increased production level reflects a 4% increase in harvested acres and the average yield showing an 86 pounds improvement.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION DOWN 1%

Corn production in the State is forecast at 85.0 million bushels, the same as the previous forecast but 1% less than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 85 bushels, 5 bushels less than the 1991 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 1,000,000 acres, 5% more than last year.

U.S. corn for grain production is forecast at 8.77 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and 17% above the 1991 crop. The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at 121.4 bushels, up fractionally from last month and 12.8 bushels above the 1991 average. The area harvested and to be harvested for grain, at 72.2 million acres, is unchanged from August but is 5% above the 1991 harvested acreage. For the week ending September 6, 11% of the crop was mature, compared with 44% last year and the average of 35%.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 1992

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	35	30	47	68	1,645	2,040
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	40	50	55	55	2,200	2,750
Wheat, grain [1]	Bu.	480	555	40	50	19,200	27,750
Corn, grain	Bu.	950	1,000	90	85	85,500	85,000
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	457	385	672	648	640	520
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	162	161	2,850	2,800	461,700	450,800
Sorghum, grain [1]	Bu.	25	20	50	50	1,250	1,000
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,310	1,350	29.5	28.0	38,645	37,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	104	102	2,275	2,150	236,600	219,300
Type 12	Lb.	129	131	2,345	2,250	302,505	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	33	34	2,350	2,150	77,550	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	266	267	2,318	2,199	616,655	587,150
Type 31	Lb.	9.0	9.2	2,000	2,000	18,000	18,400
All	Lb.	275.0	276.2	2,308	2,192	634,655	605,500
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	40	30	3.00	2.80	120	84
Other [1]	Ton	480	500	2.20	2.10	1,056	1,050
All [1]	Ton	520	530	2.26	2.14	1,176	1,134
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	14,000	[5]	18,600	[5]	260,000	210,000
Grapes [1 4]	Ton	550	[5]	4.0	[5]	2.2	2.1
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	4,300	[5]	8,140	[5]	35,000	12,000
Pecans, All	Lb.	-	-	-	-	5,500	2,000
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	17,000	17,300	170	190	2,890	3,287
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,400	110	110	154	154
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	18,400	18,700	165	184	3,044	3,441
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	91	90	-	-
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	8,413	7,294	55.2	58.9	464.5	429.4
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	4,796	4,795	50.6	57.6	242.5	276.4
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	39,396	42,550	34.8	37.6	1,372.2	1,600.9
All	Bu.	57,693	63,069	34.3	38.2	1,980.7	2,407.4
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,842	72,223	108.6	121.4	7,474.5	8,769.9
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	12,715.5	10,946.5	650	678	17.2	15.5
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	2,015.7	1,749.0	2,444	2,588	4,926.6	4,526.0
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,820	12,319	59.0	68.7	579.5	846.8
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	57,951	58,078	34.3	35.9	1,985.6	2,084.5
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	403	407	2,265	2,185	911.9	888.2
Type 31	Lb.	312	324	2,110	2,196	658.2	711.1
All	Lb.	764	782	2,178	2,171	1,663.5	1,697.0
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	25,585	24,073	3.28	3.25	83.8	78.4
Other [1]	Ton	36,990	36,382	1.88	1.88	69.7	68.4
All [1]	Ton	62,575	60,455	2.45	2.43	153.5	146.8
Fruit:							
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	481.9	[5]	20,500	[5]	9,898.7	10,158.0
Grapes [4]	Ton	734.9	[5]	7.77	[5]	5.6	6.1
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	185.7	[5]	14,400	[5]	2,672.3	2,515.5
Pecans, All	Lb.	-	-	-	-	299.0	205.0
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	87.5	85.0	236	273	20.6	23.2
Summer	Cwt.	97.3	86.0	233	246	22.6	21.2
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	184.8	171.0	234	259	43.2	44.4
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	72	83	-	-

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480 - lb bales [3] Includes Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures. [4] Total production. [5] Released 1/19/93.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION SECOND HIGHEST IN 40 YEARS

Cotton production in the Tar Heel State is forecast at 520,000 bales, the same as a month earlier but 19% below last year's crop. If this forecast is realized this will be the second largest crop in 40 years. Yield per acre is expected to average 648 pounds, 24 pounds less than the 1991 average. Area for harvest, estimated at 385,000 acres, is 16% below last year.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 15.9 million bales, down 4% from August and 9% below last year's production. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 15.5 million bales, while Pima production will total 488,000 bales.

Growers expect to harvest 11.2 million acres, down 14% from 1991 and 2% from August. Texas Upland cotton producers continue to abandon acreage due to cool wet weather. Currently 3.55 million acres are estimated to be harvested, down 200,000 acres from August, indicating that only 63% of the planted area will be harvested. Yields in the U.S. are expected to average 683 pounds per harvested acre, 13 pounds below the August forecast and 31 pounds above last year.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST 2% BELOW 1991

Soybean production in North Carolina is forecast at 37.8 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's forecast but 2% less than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 28 bushels, 1.5 bushels below last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.35 million acres, 3% more than last year. About 82% of the acreage was setting pods as of September 6, compared with 83% a year earlier and the average of 75%.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.08 billion bushels, virtually unchanged from the August 1 forecast but 5% above 1991. Yield is estimated at 35.9 bushels per acre, up fractionally from August 1 and 1.6 bushels above 1991. Yields were up slightly in most of the Delta States. Nebraska, Michigan and Wisconsin yields decreased from last month.

N.C. PEANUT PRODUCTION DOWN 2% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut production in North Carolina is forecast at 451 million pounds, down 1% from last month's forecast and 2% from the 1991 crop of 462 million pounds. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,800 pounds, down 50 pounds from last year's average. Area for harvest is estimated at 161,000 acres, down 1% from last year.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 4.53 billion pounds, down 1% from the August 1 forecast and 8% from last year's record high crop. Cool wet conditions in August lowered expectations slightly. Harvested area, estimated at 1.75 million acres, is 13% below last year. Yields are expected to average 2,588 pounds per harvested acre, down 14 pounds from last month but up 144 pounds from 1991.

Production in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida and South Carolina) is expected to total 2.83 billion pounds. This level represents a 1% increase from last month but is 11% below the 1991 crop. Yield for the 4-State area is expected to average 2,681 pounds per acre, 242 pounds more than last year. The low incidence of disease and insect problems in Alabama points to improved yields indicated by 87% of the crop being rated in good to excellent condition. Digging was just getting underway in Alabama. In Georgia, the crop remains about 10 days to 2 weeks behind normal. As of August 28, 79% of the crop in Georgia was rated in good condition.

Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 711 million pounds, down 3% from last month and 8% from last year. Yield per harvested acre, at 2,800 pounds is 180 pounds per acre below last year's final average. In North Carolina and Virginia, August moisture, excessive at times, made disease control difficult. Disease pressure was reported across the entire region and the crop remains about 2 weeks behind normal for September 1.

N.C. SUMMER POTATO CROP UNCHANGED FROM 1991

The summer crop of Irish potatoes in North Carolina is forecast at 154,000 cwt., 4% less than the August 1 forecast but unchanged from last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 110 cwt., the same as last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 1,400 acres, the same as 1991.

The final U.S. forecast of summer potato production is 21.2 million cwt., down 7% from last year but 1% above last month. Harvested area is estimated at 86,000 acres. Acreage fell 12% from last year. Harvest progress caught up to near normal in August and yields are averaging 13 cwt. per acre better than last year. The average yield, at 246 cwt. is up 2 cwt. per acre from the August 1 forecast.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 54% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.06 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 683 million pounds last year. This total includes 119 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 867 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 69.0 million pounds. There were 445,000 pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of July 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 652 million pounds of which 594 million pounds were edible grades and 57.8 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 113 million pounds; Runners, 444 million pounds; and Spanish, 37.9 million pounds.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The August 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 224% of its 1967 base, was up 1 point from July 1992. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for hogs, broilers, eggs, milk, and potatoes. The index was 14 points below a year earlier.

The August 1992 "All Crops" index, at 232, was down 1 point from the previous month and 13 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for August 1992, at 211, was up 4 points from the previous month and 14 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for August 1992, at 245 was up 4 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 184, was up 3 points. The dairy index, at 240, was up 6 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Aug. 15 1990 [1]	Aug. 15 1991 [1]	July 15 1992 [1]	Aug. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	239	238	223	224
All Crops	239	245	233	232
Tobacco	245	252	244	243
Oil Bearing	249	278	217	208
Grains	200	178	201	185
Commercial Vegetables	193	205	154	200
Fruits	267	221	289	289
Livestock and Livestock Products	239	225	207	211
Meat Animals	298	285	241	245
Poultry	204	196	181	184
Dairy	256	217	234	240
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	276	267	252	251
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	389	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	65	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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N.C. PECAN PRODUCTION DOWN 64%

North Carolina's pecan crop is expected to total 2.0 million pounds, down 64% from last year's crop of 5.5 million pounds but up sharply from the short crop of 400,000 pounds in 1990.

The September 1 forecast for the U.S. pecan crop is 205 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 31% from last year's production and equal to the 1990 production level.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in August 1992 was $1.595 per pound, down 0.5 cent from the previous month and 6 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.55 per bushel, were down 23 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.48 per bushel, were down 41 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in August, at $40.60 per hundredweight, were up $1.70 from July but $9.30 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 31.5 cents per pound, were up 0.5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 37.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 36.3 cents per dozen, were up 1.5 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.40 per hundredweight, was up 40 cents from a month earlier and $1.50 above a year ago. Irish potatoes, at $12.00 per hundredweight, were up $8.55 from a month earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		August 1991	July 1992	August 1992	August 1991	July 1992	August 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.655	1.600	1.595	1.665	1.550	1.600
Corn	Bu.	2.45	2.78	2.55	2.33	2.32	2.13
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.09	1.32	1.26
Soybeans	Bu.	5.78	5.89	5.48	5.66	5.59	5.34
Hogs, All	Cwt.	49.90	38.90	40.60	51.20	44.40	44.30
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.305	.310	.315	.324	.338	.346
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.410	.370	.370	.401	.382	.379
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.502	.348	.363	.536	.399	.411
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.90	15.00	15.40	12.40	13.40	13.50
Potatoes	Cwt.	12.00	3.45	12.00	5.52	7.59	6.60
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.140	-	-	.234	.271	.271
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	71.50	71.80	69.60

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

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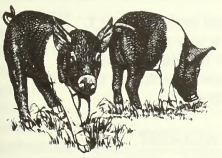
HOG NUMBERS UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms September 1, 1992, totaled 4.3 million head, up 26% from a year earlier and 2% above the June 1 record high inventory. Breeding stock at 500,000 head is up 22% and market hogs at 3.8 million head are 27% above a year ago. North Carolina ranks sixth nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs. The state's pig crop during the June-August period totaled 1.89 million head, 14% above the same months last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.60 head compared to 8.70 during June-August last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 245,000 and 250,000 sows respectively during the next two quarters—September-November and December-February. If these expectations are realized, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 months period will increase 80,000 head or 19% over the same period last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the **United States** September 1, 1992 is estimated at 61.5 million head. This number is 4% above a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.41 million head, is 2% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 54.1 million head, up 4% from last year. The June - August 1992 pig crop was 25.8 million head, 5% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter was a record high 8.13 compared to 7.89 during the same period in 1991. Expected farrowings for the September - November period totaled 3.07 million sows, up 3% from last year. December 1992 through February 1993 farrowings are expected to total 2.98 million sows, 3% more than this period last year.

Estimates for the **16 Quarterly States** account for about 91% of the U.S. total inventory. These states, with 56.1 million head, were up 4% from last year. The June - August 1992 pig crop was 23.5 million head, 6% more than last year. Producers intend to have 2.80 million sows farrow during the September - November period, an increase of 4% from a year earlier.



HOGS AND PIGS - SEPTEMBER 1, 1992 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 1991	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1992 As % Of 1991	UNITED STATES 1991	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS:						
All Hogs and Pigs	3,400	4,300	126	59,250	61,540	104
Kept for breeding	410	500	122	7,260	7,410	102
Market	2,990	3,800	127	51,990	54,130	104
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,255	1,530	122	20,125	20,857	104
60-119 Lbs.	670	860	128	12,980	13,614	105
120-179 Lbs.	580	760	131	10,620	10,890	103
180 Lbs. and Over	485	650	134	8,265	8,769	106
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	3,150	4,200	133	56,390	59,265	105
Kept for breeding	375	465	124	7,500	7,603	101
Market	2,775	3,735	135	48,890	51,662	106
SOWS FARROWING:						
March-May	180	215	119	3,285	3,364	102
June-August	190	220	116	3,097	3,166	102
September-November	205	245 [2]	120	2,969	3,068 [2]	103
PIG CROP:						
March-May	1,566	1,838	117	26,142	27,159	104
June-August	1,653	1,892	114	24,432	25,753	105
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
March-May	8.70	8.55	98	7.96	8.07	101
June-August	8.70	8.60	99	7.89	8.13	103
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1] -February	210	250 [2]	119	2,892	2,981 [2]	103

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during August 1992 totaled 57.9 million pounds, up 3% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during August totaled 3.41 billion pounds, 1% below a year earlier. Pork production surpassed the previous August record of 1.35 billion pounds set in 1979.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.98 billion pounds. This was down 5% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.78 million, down 4%. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 1,178. **Veal production**, at 24.0 million pounds, was up 8%. Calf slaughter totaled 110,000 head, down 2%. The average live weight increased 35 pounds to 371. **Pork production**, at 1.38 billion pounds, was up 6% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.68 million head, up 6% from last year. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 249. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 25.0 million pounds, was down 8% from last year. Slaughter totaled 418,300 head, down 9%. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 122.

NORTH CAROLINA WHEAT STOCKS UP

Wheat stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on September 1, 1992 totaled 15.8 million bushels, up 29% from September 1, 1991. On-farm holdings totaled 3.5 million bushels and off-farm holdings were at 12.3 million bushels.

Corn stocks in all positions totaled 7.3 million bushels on September 1, 1992 compared to 10.2 million bushels last year. Corn held in on-farm facilities totaled 2.7 million bushels compared to 4.8 million bushels last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 4.6 million bushels compared to 5.4 million bushels last year.

Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 3.2 million bushels compared to 3.6 million bushels a year earlier. On-farm holdings totaled 1.1 million bushels while off-farm facilities held 2.1 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,500	18,500	18,008	18,187	35,508	36,687
June 1	12,000	8,500	11,176	10,577	23,176	19,077
September 1	**4,800**	**2,700**	**5,441**	**4,611**	**10,241**	**7,311**
December 1	34,500		25,897		60,397	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,000	6,500	9,551	10,364	16,551	16,864
June 1	3,200	2,800	5,404	5,742	8,604	8,542
September 1	**1,300**	**1,100**	**2,341**	**2,122**	**3,641**	**3,222**
December 1	14,000		16,141		30,141	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	320	400	4,125	4,385	4,445	4,785
June 1	150	40	2,369	2,255	2,519	2,295
September 1	**1,600**	**3,500**	**10,645**	**12,308**	**12,245**	**15,808**
December 1	800		6,537		7,337	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	3,064,500	2,610,200	1,724,474	1,950,785	4,788,974	4,560,985
June 1 [2]	1,755,000	1,517,500	1,236,957	1,221,051	2,991,957	2,738,551
September 1	**691,200**	**605,500**	**830,045**	**494,971**	**1,521,245**	**1,100,471**
December 1	4,294,500		2,246,624		6,541,124	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	532,920	275,550	863,336	611,685	1,396,256	885,235
June 1 [2]	341,210	144,605	524,706	327,248	865,916	471,853
September 1	**828,000**	**966,900**	**1,212,719**	**1,123,029**	**2,040,719**	**2,089,929**
December 1	564,800		878,721		1,443,521	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	555,500	505,000	634,619	672,343	1,910,119	1,177,343
June 1	336,500	279,000	387,022	416,671	723,522	695,671
September 1	**118,400**	**105,000**	**210,642**	**173,437**	**329,042**	**278,437**
December 1	810,000		968,957		1,778,957	
SORGHUM						
March 1	73,780	54,960	259,099	196,286	332,879	251,246
June 1	43,750	34,140	178,250	76,247	222,000	110,387
September 1	**22,150**	**18,840**	**120,435**	**34,352**	**142,585**	**53,192**
December 1	110,200		340,262		450,462	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *Revised.*

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during August 1992 totaled 115 million pounds, unchanged from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 1,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,200 pounds was up 10 pounds from August 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during August totaled 10.8 billion pounds, 4% more than production in these same states in August 1991. July revised production at 10.9 billion pounds was 4% above July 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,303 pounds for August, 64 pounds more than August 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.27 million head, 90,000 head less than August 1991 but was 9,000 more than July 1992.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 1992, totaled 28.7 million, up 2% from a year earlier. The 25.5 million poults placed during August 1992 in the United States were down fractionally from placements during the same month last year and 13% below July 1992

MILK PRODUCTION - AUGUST

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**97**	**96**	**1,190**	**1,200**	**115**	**115**	**100**
Florida	178	180	990	1,000	176	180	102
Maryland	101	99	1,130	1,170	114	116	102
Virginia	139	136	1,175	1,185	163	161	99
21 STATES	8,358	8,268	1,239	1,303	10,352	10,773	104

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

NORTH CAROLINA FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts From Farming By Commodities, 1988-91

COMMODITIES	RECEIPTS				1991 % OF TOTAL SALES
	1988	1989	1990	1991	
	1,000 Dollars				*Percent*
OTAL COMMODITIES SOLD:	4,152,327	4,591,857	4,925,996	4,924,071	100.0
Crops	1,964,699	2,081,621	2,268,093	2,315,591	47.0
Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Products	2,187,628	2,510,236	2,657,903	2,608,480	53.0
NDIVIDUAL CROPS:					
Tobacco	859,017	946,127	1,051,602	1,054,666	21.4
Oil Crops	354,171	339,251	370,460	327,550	6.7
Soybeans	235,735	231,176	204,476	200,667	4.1
Peanuts	118,436	108,075	165,984	126,506	2.6
Other Oil Crops	[1]	[1]	[1]	377	*
Feed Grains	188,693	205,584	205,079	188,556	3.8
Corn	170,671	189,161	191,489	176,234	3.6
Hay	6,933	6,553	6,865	7,373	.1
Oats	5,602	3,725	2,095	1,603	*
Sorghum Grain	3,109	4,314	3,352	2,222	.1
Barley	2,378	1,831	1,278	1,124	*
Food Grains	75,004	80,492	63,452	49,335	1.0
Wheat	73,529	79,490	62,946	48,704	1.0
Rye	1,475	1,002	506	631	*
Cotton	27,929	50,515	77,872	158,964	3.2
Cotton Lint	25,267	48,274	73,239	153,448	3.1
Cottonseed	2,662	2,241	4,633	5,516	.1
Vegetables	186,430	162,374	178,491	172,594	3.5
Sweetpotatoes	58,513	40,557	45,740	41,664	.8
Potatoes	15,122	19,365	18,581	22,830	.5
Cucumbers, Processing	20,801	19,383	23,163	23,870	.5
Snap Beans, Processing	184	319	150	327	*
Tomatoes	4,390	3,847	5,719	4,640	.1
Sweet Corn	4,420	3,903	5,138	4,263	.1
Other Vegetables	83,000	75,000	80,000	75,000	1.5
Fruits and Nuts	52,607	42,513	45,577	64,868	1.3
Apples	27,816	26,161	28,244	35,934	.7
Peaches	5,010	2,100	2,700	5,986	.1
Blueberries	12,347	7,997	6,632	9,439	.2
Strawberries	2,263	4,752	6,426	7,030	.1
Pecans	3,383	445	425	4,975	.1
Grapes	1,057	690	800	1,114	*
Other Fruits and Nuts	731	368	350	390	*
All Other Crops	220,848	254,765	275,560	299,058	6.1
Greenhouse Nursery	217,988	250,604	271,767	294,986	6.0
Miscellaneous Crops	2,860	4,161	3,793	4,072	.1
IVESTOCK, DAIRY & POULTRY:					
Meat Animals	601,233	657,458	794,083	835,331	17.0
Hogs	447,931	508,792	615,149	658,649	13.4
Cattles and Calves	152,879	148,416	178,712	176,396	3.6
Sheep and Lambs	423	250	222	286	*
Dairy Products	219,675	223,782	234,788	204,267	4.1
Milk Wholesale & Retail	219,675	223,782	234,788	204,267	4.1
Poultry and Eggs	1,316,481	1,574,523	1,577,307	1,516,882	30.8
Broilers	713,143	843,180	803,966	777,003	15.8
Eggs	190,459 [2]	221,628 [2]	209,277 [2]	199,701 [2]	4.0
Turkeys	337,982	406,638	452,400	431,346	8.8
Chickens, Farm	10,897	17,577	12,439	10,582	.2
Miscellaneous Poultry	64,000	85,500	99,225	98,250	2.0
Miscellaneous Livestock	50,239	54,473	51,725	52,000	1.1
Honey	686	608	710	699	*
Wool	66	59	32	24	*
Aquaculture	5,662	8,593	6,054	6,236	.1
Catfish	377	883	1,154	1,636	*
Trout	5,285	7,710	4,900	4,600	.1
Other Misc. Livestock	43,825	45,213	44,929	45,041	.9

*ncluded in Miscellaneous Crops. [2] Value of production. * Less than 0.05 percent.*

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NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES UP

During the week of August 9-15, 1992, North Carolina farms and ranches hired 72,000 workers. This compares to 66,000 during the July 1992 survey week and 95,000 during the August 1991 survey week. The average August wage rate for North Carolina was $5.04, up $.18 from July 1992.

There were 558,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed states during the week of August 9-15, 1992. This compared with 658,000 workers during the August 1991 survey week. Average August wage rates ranged from $4.95 per hour in Texas to $6.97 per hour in Washington.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, JULY-AUGUST, 1992 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	JULY	AUGUST	JULY	AUGUST
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**66**	**72**	**4.86**	**5.04**
California	195	210	6.43	6.41
Florida	39	45	6.55	6.58
Michigan	22	24	5.68	5.90
New Mexico	7	6	5.07	5.36
New York	30	23	5.80	5.84
Oregon	30	33	6.02	6.08
Pennsylvania	28	24	6.00	5.91
Texas	64	51	5.20	4.95
Washington	45	35	6.68	6.97
Wisconsin	30	35	4.82	5.48

[1] Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. July survey week July 12-18, 1992 and August survey week August 9-15, 1992. [2] Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.

EGG PRODUCTION - AUGUST

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,043**	**12,785**	**260**	**248**	**158**	**144**	**102**	**104**
Alabama	9,566	10,010	183	196	76	83	107	113
Florida	9,553	8,965	205	185	188	172	17	13
Georgia	17,863	17,288	360	349	234	217	126	132
South Carolina	5,558	5,451	120	121	108	107	12	14
United States	272,202	274,060	5,824	5,909	5,017	5,084	807	825

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GENERAL SITUATION

September weather was cool and dry, depleting the soil moisture surpluses we experienced in August. Soil moisture supplies as of October 5, 1992 were rated 2% very short, 15% short, 78% adequate, and 5% surplus. Crops are generally in good condition but harvest percents are still running behind normal, especially our cotton and peanut crops which were effected most by the cooler temperatures.

As of October 5, harvest percents were: flue-cured tobacco 97%, burley tobacco 76%, corn for silage 81%, corn for grain 57%, sweetpotatoes 39%, peanuts dug 18%, peanuts threshed 10%, and apples 70%. The cotton harvest is just getting underway and small grain planting has begun with 12% of the wheat crop seeded.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, October 1, 1992

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**102.0**	**2,090**	**2,275**	**2,150**	**221,540**	**236,600**	**219,300**
N.C.	**12**	**135.0**	**129.0**	**131.0**	**2,370**	**2,345**	**2,250**	**319,950**	**302,505**	**294,750**
N.C.	**13**	**35.0**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**2,290**	**2,350**	**2,150**	**80,150**	**77,550**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**276.0**	**266.0**	**267.0**	**2,252**	**2,318**	**2,199**	**621,640**	**616,655**	**587,150**
Va.	11	40.0	39.0	37.0	2,120	2,260	2,000	84,800	88,140	81,400
S.C.	13	51.0	51.0	52.0	2,155	2,180	2,100	109,905	111,180	109,200
Ga.	14	43.0	40.0	43.0	2,415	2,015	2,200	103,845	80,600	94,600
Fla.	14	6.9	6.6	7.6	2,760	2,320	2,675	19,044	15,312	20,330
U.S.	11-14	416.9	402.6	406.6	2,253	2,265	2,195	939,234	911,887	892,680

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED

Soybean production in North Carolina is forecast at 37.8 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's forecast and 2% less than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 28.0 bushels, the same as the previous forecast but 1.5 bushels less than last year. Area for harvest at 1.35 million acres, is unchanged from the earlier estimate and 3% more than last year.

U.S. production is forecast at 2.11 billion bushels, up 1% from the September 1 forecast and up 6% from 1991. The average yield is estimated at a record high 36.3 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushel above the September 1 yield and 2.1 bushels above 1991.

Wisconsin showed the only decline in yield from last month where cooler weather has kept the crop well behind normal development.

Across most of the U.S., the crop is rated in good condition. Average pod counts are up from last year and average pod weight is about normal. Harvest was 21% completed and lags behind last year's pace by 16 points.

N.C. BURLEY PROSPECTS UNCHANGED

The Burley tobacco crop in North Carolina is forecast at 18.4 million pounds, unchanged from the earlier forecast and 2% more than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds, unchanged from the 1991 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 9,200, up 2% from last year.

U.S. Burley output is expected to total 711 million pounds, up 8% from a year ago. The increased production level reflects a 4% increase in harvested acres and an improvement in yield of 86 pounds from last year.

N.C. FLUE-CURED FORECAST UNCHANGED

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 587.2 million pounds, unchanged from the previous month's forecast and 5% less than last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,199 pounds, the same as the earlier forecast and 119 pounds below last year's average yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 267,000 acres, unchanged from the earlier estimate and 1,000 acres less than in 1991. North Carolina flue-cured harvest was 97% completed by October 4, ahead of last season's progress of 96% and the average of 93%.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to reach 893 million pounds, down 2% from a year ago and 1% above last month's forecast. Yield per acre, at 2,195 pounds, is down 70 pounds from last year's average yield. Acres for harvest are 1% above 1991.

N.C. PEANUT FORECAST DOWN

Peanut production in North Carolina is forecast at 435 million pounds, 4% less than a month earlier and down 6% from the 1991 crop. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,700 pounds, down 150 pounds from the average in 1991. Area for harvest is estimated at 161,000 acres, down 1% from last year's acreage.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 4.42 billion pounds, down 2% from the September 1 forecast and down 10% from last year's record high crop. Continued cool, wet September weather reduced expectations in the Southeast and the Virginia-North Carolina areas, while the Southwestern areas declined due to drying conditions. Harvested area remains unchanged from last month and is estimated at 1.75 million acres, 13% below last year. Yields are expected to average 2,526 pounds per harvested acre, down 62 pounds from last month but 82 pounds above 1991.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 1, 1992

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	35	30	47	66	1,645	1,980
Oats, grain	Bu.	40	50	55	60	2,200	3,000
Rye	Bu.	20	15	25	24	500	360
Wheat, grain	Bu.	480	555	40	50	19,200	27,750
Corn, grain	Bu.	950	1,000	90	88	85,500	88,000
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	457	385	672	623	640	500
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	162	161	2,850	2,700	461,700	434,700
Sorghum, grain [2]	Bu.	25	20	50	50	1,250	1,000
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,310	1,350	29.5	28.0	38,645	37,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	104	102	2,275	2,150	236,600	219,300
Type 12	Lb.	129	131	2,345	2,250	302,505	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	33	34	2,350	2,150	77,550	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	266	267	2,318	2,199	616,655	587,150
Type 31	Lb.	9.0	9.2	2,000	2,000	18,000	18,400
All	Lb.	275.0	276.2	2,308	2,192	634,655	605,550
Hay: Alfalfa [2 3]	Ton	40	30	3.00	2.80	120	84
Other	Ton	480	500	2.20	2.10	1,056	1,050
All	Ton	520	530	2.26	2.14	1,176	1,134
Fruit & Nuts:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [4]	Lb.	14,000	[5]	18,600	[5]	260,000	210,000
Grapes [2 4]	Ton	550	[5]	4.0	[5]	2.2	2.1
Peaches [2 4]	Lb.	4,300	[5]	8,140	[5]	35,000	12,000
Pecans, All [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	-	5,500	2,000
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	84	89	-	-
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain [6]	Bu.	8,413	7,309	55.2	62.4	464.3	456.3
Oats, grain [6]	Bu.	4,806	4,492	50.7	65.6	243.5	294.6
Rye [6]	Bu.	396	406	24.6	29.4	9.8	12.0
Wheat, Winter [6]	Bu.	39,406	41,893	34.8	38.3	1,372.6	1,606.5
All [6]	Bu.	57,703	62,407	34.3	39.4	1,981.1	2,458.8
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,842	72,223	108.6	123.8	7,474.5	8,938.2
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	12,715.5	10,946.5	650	676	17.2	15.4
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	2,015.7	1,749.0	2,444	2,526	4,926.6	4,417.7
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,820	12,319	59.0	69.3	579.5	853.3
Soybeans, beans [6]	Bu.	58,011	58,078	34.2	36.3	1,986.5	2,108.2
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	403	407	2,265	2,195	911.9	892.7
Type 31	Lb.	312	324	2,110	2,196	658.2	711.1
All	Lb.	764	782	2,178	2,177	1,663.5	1,701.5
Hay: Alfalfa [3]	Ton	25,585	24,063	3.28	3.33	83.8	80.1
Other	Ton	36,990	36,342	1.88	1.89	69.7	68.8
All	Ton	62,575	60,405	2.45	2.47	153.5	148.9
Fruit & Nuts:							
Apples [4]	Lb.	481.9	[5]	20,500	[5]	9,898.7	10,297.0
Grapes [4]	Ton	734.9	[5]	7.77	[5]	5.6	6.1
Peaches [2 4]	Lb.	185.7	[5]	14,400	[5]	2,672.3	2,515.5
Pecans, All	Lb.	-	-	-	-	299.0	207.0
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	77	82	-	-

[1] Production in 480 - lb bales [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Includes Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures. [4] Total production. [5] Released 1/19/93. [6] 1991 Revised.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES: SEPTEMBER 1 - AUGUST 31, 1991 & 1992

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA		TOTAL SELECTED STATES	
	1991 [1]	1992	1991 [1]	1992
Number of Operations	68	68	450	461
	Thousand Dollars			
Foodsize Fish Sales	4,321	5,027	58,345	53,042
Stocker Fish Sales	142	215	5,990	6,743
Fingerlings Sales	137	36	1,736	1,411
Total Fish Sales	4,600	5,278	66,071	61,196
Eggs Sales	0	0	3,956	5,829
Total All Trout	4,600	5,278	70,027	67,025

[1] Revised

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 500,000 bales, down 4% from the September 1 forecast and down 22% from the 1991 production of 640,000 bales. Area for harvest, at 385,000 acres, was unchanged from the previous month's estimate but 16% less than the 1991 acreage. Yield is forecast at 623 pounds per acre, 25 pounds less than the September 1 estimate and 49 pounds less than last season's average. Harvest on October 4 was 3% completed compared with 19% last year and the average of 13%.

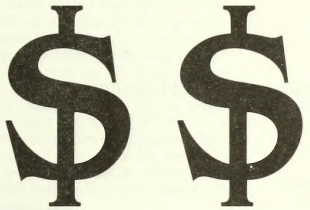
U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 15.9 million bales, down slightly from September 1 and down 10% from last year's production. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 15.4 million bales, while Pima production accounts for 476,000 bales. Total area for harvest is expected at 11.2 million acres, down 14% from 1991. Yield is expected to average 681 pounds per acre, 2% below the September 1 forecast but 29 pounds above last year.

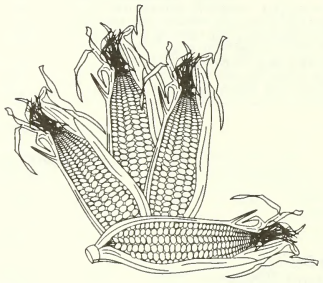
N.C. CORN FORECAST UP

North Carolina's corn production, forecast at 88.0 million bushels, is up 4% from the previous month's forecast and 3% more than last year's production. Area for grain harvest, at 1 million acres, is 5% above last year's acreage. As of October 4, grain harvest was 57% completed compared with 74% last year and the average of 61%.

U.S. production of corn for grain is forecast at 8.94 billion bushels, up 2% from last month and 20% above the 1991 crop. If realized, this would be the largest corn crop ever produced. The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at a record high 123.8 bushels, up 2.4 bushels from last month and 15.2 bushels above the 1991 average yield.

By October 4, the corn harvest was progressing well behind normal, as only 11% of the crop had been harvested. Last year 46% of the crop had been harvested in the 17 major producing States and the average for the previous 5 years was 33%.





NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The September 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 237% of its 1967 base, was up 9 points from August 1992. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, eggs, and milk. The index was 5 points below a year earlier.

The September 1992 "All Crops" index, at 254, was up 17 points from the previous month but 1 point below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for September 1992, at 207, was down 4 points from the previous month and 12 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for September 1992, at 231 was down 14 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 185, was up 1 point. The dairy index, at 239, was up 2 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Sept. 15 1990 [1]	Sept. 15 1991 [1]	Aug. 15 1992 [1]	Sept. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	249	242	228	237
All Crops	252	255	237	254
Tobacco	265	274	251	277
Oil Bearing	253	236	213	211
Grains	182	184	180	169
Commercial Vegetables	191	205	195	195
Fruits	272	217	289	314
Livestock and Livestock Products	244	219	211	207
Meat Animals	294	265	245	231
Poultry	215	193	184	185
Dairy	256	223	237	239
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	271	269	253	254
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

U.S. TROUT SALES DOWN, NORTH CAROLINA UP

The value of trout sales in North Carolina totaled $5.3 million for the period September 1, 1991 — August 31, 1992. This compares with $4.6 million the previous year. North Carolina's 68 commercial trout producers had sales of 4,055,000 pounds valued at $5,278,000. Sales of foodsize trout accounted for 96% of total sales, with stockers and fingerlings accounting for 4%. Total losses of trout for the year totaled 186,000 pounds.

Trout growers in **15 selected States** had a total value of fish and egg sales of $67.0 million during the 12-month period. This was a decrease of 4% from the $70.0 million in sales during the same period a year earlier. Growers sold a total of 59.8 million pounds of trout valued at $61.2 million this year. Foodsize trout sales accounted for 94% of the total pounds sold. In addition, 453 million trout eggs were sold, valued at $5.83 million, up 4% from the previous year.

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UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 41% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 798 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 568 million pounds last year. This total includes 102 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 646 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 49.3 million pounds. There were 445,000 pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of August 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 486 million pounds of which 445 million pounds were edible grades and 41.1 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 81.5 million pounds; Runners, 335 million pounds; and Spanish, 28.0 million pounds.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED

Commercial apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 210 million pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast and 19% less than last year's crop. As of October 4, apple harvest was 70% completed compared to last season's 81% and the average of 72%.

The final U.S. forecast of the 1992 apple crop places production at 10.3 billion pounds, up 1% from the August 1 forecast and 4% more than last year's production.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Sept. 1991	August 1992	Sept. 1992	Sept. 1991	August 1992	Sept. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.795	1.650	1.820	1.785	1.655	1.825
Corn	Bu.	2.54	2.47	2.32	2.33	2.15	2.15
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.12	1.23	1.33
Soybeans	Bu.	5.75	5.70	5.60	5.64	5.40	5.32
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	-	-	.293	-	.320 [4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	46.00	40.20	37.40	46.40	43.90	41.40
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.300	.315	.300	.321	.346	.318
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.410	.370	.370	.402	.379	.371
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.491	.363	.427	.515	.411	.489
Milk, All	Cwt.	14.30	15.20	15.30	12.80	13.50	13.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	11.50	-	4.51	6.84	5.69
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.135	-	.237	.266	.304	.293
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	68.10	69.60	68.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Based on sales during the first half of the month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in September 1992 was $1.820 per pound, up 17 cents from the previous month and 2.5 cents above a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.32 per bushel, were down 15 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.60 per bushel, were down 10 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in September, at $37.40 per hundredweight, were down $2.80 from August and $8.60 below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound, were down 1.5 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 37.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 42.7 cents per dozen, were up 6.4 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.30 per hundredweight, was up 10 cents from a month earlier and $1.00 above a year ago. Apples, at 23.7 cents per pound, were up 10.2 cents from a year earlier.

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SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during September 1992 totaled 116 million pounds, unchanged from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 97,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,200 pounds was up 5 pounds from September 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during September totaled 10.3 billion pounds, up 4% from production in these same States in September 1991. August revised production at 10.8 billion pounds was up 4% from August 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,248 pounds for September, 59 pounds above September 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.26 million head, 92,000 below September 1991 and 7,000 below August 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**97**	**97**	**1,195**	**1,200**	**116**	**116**	**100**
Florida	176	180	940	970	165	175	106
Maryland	103	100	1,060	1,130	109	113	104
Virgina	139	136	1,145	1,170	159	159	100
21 STATES	8,350	8,258	1,189	1,248	9,927	10,310	104

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators October 1			Poults Placed During September [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,166**	**10,821**	**106**	**8,397**	**7,890**	**94**
East North Central	4,071	4,088	100	3,058	3,098	101
West North Central	7,752	8,296	107	5,233	5,905	113
South Central	2,594	2,589	100	1,861	2,403	129
West	3,459	2,582	75	2,651	2,299	87
UNITED STATES	28,042	28,376	101	21,200	21,595	102

[1] Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 1992, totaled 28.4 million, up 1% from a year earlier. The 21.6 million poults placed during September 1992 in the United States were 2% above placements during the same month a year ago, but 15% below August 1992. The South Central Division of the United States showed the largest increase in poults placed during September, up 29% from September 1991.

SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 242 million eggs during September 1992, down 3% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 142 million table eggs and 100 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 7% while hatching eggs were up 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during September was 12.8 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 5.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.75 billion during September 1992, up 2% from the number produced a year ago. Production included 4.96 billion table eggs, 728 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 60.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during September averaged 277 million, up 1% from a year ago. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,077 eggs, compared with 2,065 in September 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 1992, totaled 280 million head, compared with 275 million a year ago. The 280 million layers consisted of 237 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 1992, averaged 68.6 eggs per 100 layers, the same as last year.

EGG PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,033**	**12,773**	**250**	**242**	**152**	**142**	**98**	**100**
Alabama	9,688	10,453	179	200	75	92	104	108
Florida	9,773	9,040	192	181	176	168	16	13
Georgia	17,969	17,797	354	351	231	225	123	126
South Carolina	5,794	5,511	120	121	108	107	12	14
United States	273,587	276,714	5,651	5,747	4,866	4,959	785	788

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during September 1992 totaled 27.9 million, down 18% from September 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.9 million on October 1, 1992, down 9% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 237,000 during September 1992, up 27% from the 186,000 of September 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	991	950	96
Florida	1,810	1,415	78
Georgia	1,472	2,162	147
Indiana	5,918	5,225	88
Iowa	2,084	1,827	88
Kansas	204	386	189
Minnesota	1,799	1,769	98
Missouri	418	400	96
Pennsylvania	3,954	2,772	70
Other States [1]	15,248	10,988	72
UNITED STATES	33,898	27,894	82

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**48,395**	**50,776**	**105**
Alabama	84,385	84,988	101
Arkansas	93,704	97,929	105
Delaware	14,916	14,544	98
Florida	11,989	11,987	100
Georgia	74,784	78,190	105
Maryland	30,183	30,915	102
Mississippi	37,503	41,080	110
Pennsylvania	11,178	10,456	94
South Carolina	8,151	9,846	121
Texas	31,972	33,303	104
Virginia	16.634	17,687	106
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	27,132	25,285	93
Washington & Oregon	4,899	5,307	108
Other States [1]	40,908	42,159	103
UNITED STATES	536,733	554,452	103
15 STATES [2]	490,926	506,986	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the September 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 554 million, was 3% above September of the previous year. There were 444 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 1992, up 3% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 1992, up 3% from September 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 50.8 million broiler chicks during September 1992, up 5% from the 48.4 million a year ago.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1991	1992	1993
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,502	2,483	2,529
February	167	139	273	196	2,553	2,375	2,553
March	217	279	186	67	2,666	2,322	2,604
April	173	231	178	77	2,519	2,337	2,655
May	202	250	262	105	2,485	2,437	
June	242	179	225	126	2,394	2,476	
July	321	213	237	111	2,476	2,381	
August	279	226	277	123	2,406	2,483	
September	171	186	237	127	2,378	2,617	
October	155	255			2,440	2,524	
November	171	210			2,498	2,471	
December	229	134			2,546	2,483	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For September 1992, includes pullet chicks placed March 1991 through February 1992.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	11,050	10,521	95	6,715	4,974	74
East North Central	4,870	5,104	105	8,078	8,139	101
West North Central	9,600	9,868	103	4,505	5,271	117
South Atlantic	167,288	176,580	106	4,382	4,469	102
South Central	219,503	225,784	103	4,308	2,564	60
West	19,085	16,488	86	3,683	3,444	94
UNITED STATES	431,396	444,345	103	31,671	28,861	91

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES DOWN

During the week of September 6-12, 1992, North Carolina farms and ranches hired 57,000 workers. This compares to 72,000 during the August 1992 survey week and 47,000 during the September 1991 survey week. The average September wage rate for North Carolina was $5.05, up $.01 from August 1992.

There were 532,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in the eleven surveyed states during the week of September 6-12, 1992. This compared with 549,000 workers during the September 1991 survey week. Average September wage rates ranged from $5.05 per hour in North Carolina to $6.68 per hour in California.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1992 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**72**	**57**	**5.04**	**5.05**
California	210	195	6.53	6.68
Florida	45	45	6.58	6.56
Michigan	24	20	5.90	5.55
New Mexico	6	7	5.36	5.46
New York	23	26	5.84	6.07
Oregon	33	25	6.08	6.17
Pennsylvania	24	21	5.91	5.60
Texas	51	44	4.95	5.11
Washington	35	60	6.97	6.65
Wisconsin	35	32	5.48	5.67

[1] Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. August survey week August 9-15, 1992 and September survey week September 6-12, 1992. [2] Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.

SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during September 1992 totaled 63.4 million pounds, up 20% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during September totaled a record high 3.56 billion pounds, 8% above a year earlier and 3% above the previous September record of 3.47 billion pounds set in 1976. Pork production surpassed the previous September record of 1.36 billion pounds set in 1988.

Beef production, for the U.S. totaled 2.0 billion pounds. This was up 3% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.81 million, up 4%. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 1,183. **Veal production**, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 2%. Calf slaughter totaled 110,300 head, down 7%. The average live weight increased 27 pounds to 368. **Pork production**, at 1.51 billion pounds, was up 15% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.41 million head, up 14% from last year. The average live weight remained the same at 251. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 30.0 million pounds, was up 4% from last year. Slaughter totaled 489,200 head, up 3%. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 122.

CATTLE ON FEED UP IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 13 states preparing quarterly estimates totaled 8.92 million head, up 3% from a year ago but 2% below October 1, 1990. The inventory included 5.92 million steers and steer calves, 4% above a year ago. This group accounts for 66.4% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 2.92 million head, 2% above a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 states during the July-September 1992 quarter totaled 6.11 million, up 13% from last year but 4% below July-September 1990. Net placements of 5.84 million for July-September were up 14% from last year but down 4% from 1990.

Marketings of fed cattle during the July-September 1992 quarter totaled 5.77 million, down 3% from last year and 1% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 268,000 head compared to 282,000 in July-September 1991 and 261,000 in July-September 1990.

CATTLE ON FEED - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS [1]

STATE	OCT. 1, 1991	JULY 1, 1992	OCTOBER 1, 1992	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1991
	1,000 Head			
Arizona	151	167	180	119
California	355	340	385	108
Colorado	770	820	840	109
Idaho	225	260	265	118
Illinois	275	255	235	85
Iowa	630	720	660	105
Kansas	1,550	1,640	1,700	110
Minnesota	225	285	230	102
Nebraska	1,800	1,650	1,760	98
Oklahoma	315	305	310	98
S. Dakota	190	240	195	103
Texas	1,960	2,000	1,970	101
Washington	174	165	190	109
13 States	8,620	8,847	8,920	103

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a full ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) by Crop, State and United States, October 15, 1989-92

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	1989 [1]	1990 [1]	1991	1992
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	60,432	245,374	195,850	80,650
Arizona	118,425	117,750	146,550	243,250
Arkansas	230,976	416,339	603,900	395,500
California	518,327	444,724	211,450	577,000
Florida	[2]	[2]	[2]	3,300
Georgia	42,251	166,676	112,200	54,500
Louisiana	394,424	803,595	550,000	648,300
Mississippi	308,158	1,084,606	947,200	730,150
Missouri	127,826	119,430	237,150	116,500
New Mexico	20,819	[2]	6,600	6,350
North Carolina	**12,195**	**67,692**	**130,850**	**16,550**
Oklahoma	[2]	34,081	11,500	16,550
South Carolina	29,093	69,405	93,550	24,450
Tennessee	149,106	230,631	273,050	175,650
Texas	754,717	917,739	1,421,850	1,109,400
Virginia	[3]	[3]	[2]	0
UNITED STATES	2,772,232	4,738,797	4,955,000	4,198,100
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	19,526	4,138	1,650	11,700
California	8,279	[2]	[2]	17,800
Mississippi	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]
New Mexico	792	[2]	0	[2]
Texas	28,040	8,016	11,250	5,950
UNITED STATES	56,637	14,753	13,800	36,400

[1] Source: Bureau of Census. [2] Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins. [3] No gins operated until 1991.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Crop conditions continue to be mostly good across the State. Rainfall during the first week in October helped to replenish the soil moisture shortage created by cool and dry September weather and sustained us through a 3 week dry spell in October. The first week of November brought additional rainfall bringing our statewide soil moisture supplies as of November 8, to 2% short, 58% adequate and 40% surplus.

Crop harvests running slightly behind during September were helped by the October dry spell that created ideal field conditions for harvest. The peanut, corn and sweetpotato harvests are near completion and only soybean and cotton harvests continue behind schedule. As of November 8, the soybean harvest was 21% complete compared with 36% last year and the cotton harvest was 34% complete compared with 74% last year. Small grain seeding continues with 45% of the wheat crop planted and 32% emerged as of November 8.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 2%

North Carolina's corn production is forecast at 90.0 million bushels, up 2% from the October 1 forecast and 5% above the 1991 production. Yield per acre is expected to average 90 bushels, same as last year's yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 1 million acres, 5% above last year. Combining was 95% completed as of November 8.

U.S. production of corn for grain is forecast at 9.33 billion bushels, up 4% from last month and 25% above the 1991 crop. If realized, this would be the largest corn crop ever produced. The U.S. average yield per acre is forecast at a record high 129.3 bushels, up 5.5 bushels from last month and 20.7 bushels above the 1991 average yield.

The increase in yields resulted from record high ear counts in most states and near normal grain weight per ear. Corn harvest continued well behind normal, as only 44% of the crop had been harvested in the 17 major producing states by the first of November. Last year 92% had been harvested by that date.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

The November 1 soybean forecast places production at 37.8 million bushels, unchanged from a month earlier but 2% less than a year earlier. Yield is forecast at 28.0 bushels per acre, 1.5 bushels below 1991. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.35 million acres, 3% above a year earlier. Harvest was 21% completed as of November 8.

U.S. soybean production as of November 1 is forecast at 2.17 billion bushels, up 3% from October 1 and 9% above the 1991 production. If realized, this would be the third largest crop on record. Yield is expected to average a record high 37.3 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel above the October 1 forecast and 3.1 bushels above 1991. Harvested area, at 58.1 million acres, is unchanged from last month. Yields were unchanged or up in all states except Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin as harvesting neared completion. As of November 1, 84% of the soybeans had been harvested in the major producing states. A record pod count and slightly above average pod weight were found in the objective yield states.

FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 1%

The production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina is estimated at 582.1 million pounds, down 1% from the October 1 forecast and 6% less than last year's production. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,180 pounds, 19 pounds below the earlier forecast and 138 pounds below last year's record yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 267,000 acres, unchanged from the previous month but 1,000 acres more than in 1991.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to reach 891 million pounds, virtually unchanged from October but 2% below a year ago. Yield per acre, at 2,192 pounds per acre, is 73 pounds short of last year's yield. Acres for harvest are up 1% from 1991.

N.C. BURLEY PROSPECTS UNCHANGED

The North Carolina burley tobacco crop is forecast at 18.4 million pounds, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 2% more than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds, unchanged from the 1991 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 9,200, unchanged from last month but 2% more than in 1991.

U.S. burley output is expected to total 700 million pounds, 2% below the previous forecast but 6% above last year. The increased production reflects a 4% increase in harvested acres and a 51 pound increase for the average yield.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: By Type, November 1, 1992

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992	1990	1991	Indicated 1992
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**106.0**	**104.0**	**102.0**	**2,090**	**2,275**	**2,100**	**221,540**	**236,600**	**214,200**
N.C.	**12**	**135.0**	**129.0**	**131.0**	**2,370**	**2,345**	**2,250**	**319,950**	**302,505**	**294,750**
N.C.	**13**	**35.0**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**2,290**	**2,350**	**2,150**	**80,150**	**77,550**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**276.0**	**266.0**	**267.0**	**2,252**	**2,318**	**2,180**	**621,640**	**616,655**	**582,050**
Va.	11	40.0	39.0	37.0	2,120	2,260	2,200	84,800	88,140	81,400
S.C.	13	51.0	51.0	52.0	2,155	2,180	2,100	109,905	111,180	109,200
Ga.	14	43.0	40.0	43.0	2,415	2,015	2,300	103,845	80,600	98,900
Fla.	14	6.9	6.6	7.6	2,760	2,320	2,580	19,044	15,312	19,608
U.S.	11-14	416.9	402.6	406.6	2,253	2,265	2,192	939,234	911,887	891,158

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CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 1992

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	35	30	47	66	1,645	1,980
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	40	50	55	60	2,200	3,000
Rye [1]	Bu.	20	15	25	24	500	360
Wheat, grain [1]	Bu.	480	555	40	50	19,200	27,750
Corn, grain	Bu.	950	1,000	90	90	85,500	90,000
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	457	380	672	644	640	510
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	162	160	2,850	2,550	461,700	408,000
Sorghum, grain [1]	Bu.	25	20	50	50	1,250	1,000
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,310	1,350	29.5	28.0	38,645	37,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	104	102	2,275	2,100	236,600	214,200
Type 12	Lb.	129	131	2,345	2,250	302,505	294,750
Type 13	Lb.	33	34	2,350	2,150	77,550	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	266	267	2,318	2,180	616,655	582,050
Type 31	Lb.	9.0	9.2	2,000	2,000	18,000	18,400
All	Lb.	275.0	276.2	2,308	2,174	634,655	600,450
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	40	30	3.00	2.80	120	84
Other [1]	Ton	480	500	2.20	2.10	1,056	1,050
All [1]	Ton	520	530	2.26	2.14	1,176	1,134
Fruit & Nuts:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	14,000	[5]	18,600	[5]	260,000	210,000
Grapes [1 4]	Ton	550	[5]	4.0	[5]	2.2	2.1
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	4,300	[5]	8,140	[5]	35,000	12,000
Pecans, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	-	5,500	2,000
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	62	87	-	-
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	8,413	7,309	55.2	62.4	464.3	456.3
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	4,806	4,492	50.7	65.6	243.5	294.6
Rye [1]	Bu.	396	406	24.6	29.4	9.8	12.0
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	39,406	41,893	34.8	38.3	1,372.6	1,606.5
All [1]	Bu.	57,703	62,407	34.3	39.4	1,981.1	2,458.8
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,842	72,123	108.6	129.3	7,474.5	9,328.9
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	12,715.5	10,946.5	650	689	17.2	15.7
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	2,015.7	1,728.0	2,444	2,534	4,926.6	4,378.3
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	9,820	12,319	59.0	71.2	579.5	877.5
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	58,011	58,078	34.2	37.3	1,986.5	2,167.3
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	403	407	2,265	2,192	911.9	891.2
Type 31	Lb.	312	324	2,110	2,161	658.2	699.7
All	Lb.	764	782	2,178	2,160	1,663.5	1,688.0
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	25,585	24,063	3.28	3.33	83.8	80.1
Other [1]	Ton	36,990	36,342	1.88	1.89	69.7	68.8
All [1]	Ton	62,575	60,405	2.45	2.47	153.5	148.9
Fruit & Nuts:							
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	481.9	[5]	20,500	[5]	9,898.7	10,297.0
Grapes [1 4]	Ton	734.9	[5]	7.77	[5]	5.6	6.1
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	185.7	[5]	14,400	[5]	2,672.3	2,515.5
Pecans, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	-	299.0	207.0
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	72	78	-	-

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480 - lb bales. [3] Includes Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures. [4] Total production. [5] Released 1/19/93.

N.C. PEANUT FORECAST DOWN

North Carolina peanut production is forecast at 408.0 million pounds, 6% less than the October 1 forecast and 12% less than the 1991 crop. Yield is forecast at 2,550 pounds, 150 pounds less than the previous forecast and 300 pounds less than the 1991 yield. Area for harvest is set at 160,000 acres, 1,000 acres less than the previous month and 2,000 acres less than last year.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 4.38 billion pounds, down 1% from the October forecast and 11% below the 1991 record high crop. Late crop maturity and relatively unfavorable harvest conditions in early October combined to reduce production prospects in the Southeast and Virginia-North Carolina regions. Harvested area, at 1.73 million acres, is down 1% from October 1 and 14% below the 1991 level. Yields are expected to average 2,534 pounds per acre, 8 pounds above last month and 90 pounds above last year. Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 654 million pounds, down 5% from last month and 15% below last year. Yield per acre, at 2,587 pounds, is 393 pounds below last year's average. Heavy disease pressure throughout the season has reduced yields and production prospects as well as threatened overall quality of the crop.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN 37% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.39 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.20 billion pounds last year. This total includes 840 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 526 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 24.7 million pounds. There were 61.0 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of September 30, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 396 million pounds of which 376 million pounds were edible grades and 20.0 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 60.5 million pounds; Runners, 294 million pounds; and Spanish, 20.8 million pounds.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, OCTOBER 1992			UNITED STATES		
	Appala-chian [1]	North-east [1]	Corn Belt [1]	OCT. 1991	JULY 1992	OCT. 1992
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**219.00**	214.00	195.00	214.00	206.00	203.00
38-42% Protein	**308.00**	315.00	301.00	312.00	302.00	303.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**176.00**	171.00	185.00	176.00	178.00	177.00
18% Protein	**192.00**	181.00	199.00	185.00	187.00	186.00
20% Protein	**187.00**	188.00	200.00	188.00	191.00	188.00
32% Protein	**263.00**	247.00	295.00	287.00	282.00	280.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**261.00**	269.00	276.00	248.00	250.00	254.00
Poultry Feeds						
Chick Starter	**250.00**	218.00	247.00	225.00	228.00	227.00
Broiler Grower	**201.00**	207.00	237.00	208.00	211.00	203.00
Laying Feed	**193.00**	189.00	206.00	199.00	201.00	196.00
Turkey Grower	**242.00**	220.00	243.00	241.00	244.00	242.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	**11.40**	9.80	9.90	10.60	10.80	10.70
Middlings	**8.90**	7.20	8.40	9.10	8.99	8.90
Corn Meal	**8.20**	8.40	6.00	7.49	7.56	7.25
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**14.20**	12.00	14.90	13.40	13.90	14.50
Soybean Meal 44%	**13.80**	12.60	11.70	13.40	13.20	12.90

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST UP

The forecast for cotton production in North Carolina is 510,000 bales, up 2% from the October 1 forecast but down 20% from the 1991 production. The average yield per acre is forecast at 644 pounds, up 21 pounds from last month but 28 pounds below the 1991 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 380,000 acres, down 1% from the previous forecast and 17% less than a year ago. Harvest was 34% complete by November 8.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 16.2 million bales, up 2% from the October 1 forecast but down 8% from last year's production. October's weather was beneficial to crop development and bolls in West Texas continued opening. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 15.7 million bales, while Pima production will total 496,000 bales. Total area for harvest is estimated at 11.2 million acres, down 13% from 1991. Yield is expected to average 694 pounds per acre, 13 pounds above last month and 42 pounds above last year's yield.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Oct. 15 1990 [1]	Oct. 15 1991 [1]	Sept. 15 1992 [1]	Oct. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	243	238	237	238
All Crops	249	252	254	255
Tobacco	263	272	278	277
Oil Bearing	247	223	211	232
Grains	184	187	160	159
Commercial Vegetables	191	205	194	194
Fruits	265	206	313	269
Livestock and Livestock Products	233	214	207	207
Meat Animals	290	247	231	234
Poultry	197	191	185	182
Dairy	253	234	239	239
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	266	260	252	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	379	382	[4]	389
Parity Ratio [3]	70	68	[4]	65

[1] *Revised.* [2] *Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.* [3] *Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.* [4] *Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The October 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 238% of its 1967 base, was up 1 point from September 1992. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for hogs, broilers and turkeys. The index was unchanged from a year earlier.

The October 1992 "All Crops" index, at 255, was up 1 point from the previous month and 3 points above a year earlier. The "All Crops" index increased 1 point from September despite soybeans dropping 41 cents per bushel and corn and tobacco being down slightly. This was caused by the first peanut price of the season in October being considerably higher than the one carried forward and used to calculate the September index. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for October 1992, at 207, was unchanged from the previous month but 7 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for October 1992, at 234, was up 3 points from the previous month. Despite the increase in prices for broilers and turkeys, the poultry index, at 182, was down 3 points because of the 6 cents per dozen drop in table egg prices. The dairy index, at 239, was unchanged from a month earlier.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Oct. 1991	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.785	1.825	1.820	1.780	1.825	1.815
Corn	Bu.	2.58	2.19	2.18	2.31	2.15	1.99
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.21	1.28	1.32
Soybeans	Bu.	5.51	5.64	5.23	5.49	5.35	5.12
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.288	-	.329[4]	.279	.313	.301[4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	41.60	37.50	39.00	43.60	41.90	42.60
Milk Cows	Hd.	1130.00	-	1180.00	1100.00	-	1150.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.300	.300	.305	.310	.318	.329
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.350	.370	.390	.370	.371	.386
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.503	.427	.367	.520	.489	.455
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.00	15.30	15.30	13.50	13.50	13.50
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.06	5.11	4.80
Apples, Com'l [1]	Lb.	.124	.237	.190	.241	.293	.224
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	68.90	68.50	70.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Based on sales during the first half of the month.

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in October 1992 was $1.820 per pound, down .5 cent from the previous month but 3.5 cents above a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.18 per bushel, were down one cent from a month earlier and 40 cents below a year ago. Soybeans, at $5.23 per bushel, were down 41 cents from a month earlier and 28 cents below a year ago. Peanuts, at 32.9 cents per bushel, were 4.1 cents above a year ago.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in October, at $39.00 per hundredweight, were up $1.50 from September but $2.60 below a year earlier. Commercial broilers, at 30.5 cents per pound, were up .5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 39.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from the previous month. Table eggs, at 36.7 cents per dozen, were down 6.0 cents from a month earlier.

All milk, at $15.30 per hundredweight, was unchanged from a month earlier but 30 cents above a year ago. Apples, at 19.0 cents per pound, were 4.7 cents below the previous month.

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OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 253 million eggs during October 1992, down 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 147 million table eggs and 106 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 5% while hatching eggs were up 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during September was 12.8 million, down 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 5.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

The Nation's laying flocks produced 6.02 billion eggs during October 1992, up 2% from the 5.90 billion eggs produced a year ago. Production included 5.21 billion table eggs, 750 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 62.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The average number of layers during October was 280 million, up 2% from a year ago. The October 1992 egg production per 100 layers was 2,150 eggs, compared with 2,139 in October 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1992, totaled 280 million, compared with 277 million a year ago. The 280 million layers consisted of 237 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1992, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from last year's 69.3 eggs per 100 layers. (See Table Page 3)

MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during October 1992 totaled 125 million pounds, up 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,305 pounds, was up 35 pounds from October 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during October totaled 10.6 billion pounds, up 3% from production in these same states in October 1991. September revised production at 10.3 billion pounds was up 4% from September 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,279 pounds for October, 55 pounds more than October 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.25 million head, 98,000 less than October 1991 and 6,000 less than September 1992.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 1992, totaled 27.9 million, down 3% from a year earlier. The 21.9 million poults placed during October 1992 in the United States were down slightly from the placements during the same month a year ago.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	10,229	9,960	97	5,311	4,492	85
East North Centr	4,775	4,945	104	7,519	7,092	94
West North Centr	8,947	9,353	105	4,188	4,574	109
South Atlantic	165,617	173,705	105	3,902	3,142	81
South Central	208,897	213,494	102	4,233	2,097	50
West	19,945	18,875	95	4,182	2,463	59
UNITED STATES	418,410	430,332	103	29,335	23,860	81

OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during October 1992 totaled 70.5 million pounds, up 12% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during October totaled 3.66 billion pounds, 1% below a year earlier. Pork production surpassed the previous October record of 1.55 billion pounds set in 1979. This is the fifth consecutive month that pork production has set a record level for the month.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 2.01 billion pounds. This was down 5% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.86 million, down 2%. The average live weight decreased 15 pounds to 1,180. **Veal production**, at 24.0 million pounds, was down 11%. Calf slaughter totaled 114,500 head, down 12%. The average live weight increased 12 pounds to 370. **Pork production**, at 1.59 billion pounds, was up 3% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, up 3% from last year and the largest head kill since October 1979 when 9.10 million head were slaughtered. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 251. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 29.0 million pounds, was down 9% from last year. Slaughter totaled 469,900 head, down 10%. The average live weight was up 2 pounds to 124.

MILK PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1992 As % Of 1991
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**96**	**1,270**	**1,305**	**124**	**125**	**101**
Florida	177	181	1,040	1,060	184	192	104
Maryland	104	100	1,105	1,160	115	116	101
Virgina	140	135	1,205	1,265	169	171	101
21 STATES	8,346	8,248	1,224	1,279	10,212	10,550	103

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators November 1			Poults Placed During October [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,810**	**10,313**	**105**	**8,404**	**8,705**	**104**
East North Central	3,893	3,918	101	3,071	2,771	90
West North Central	7,812	8,066	103	5,941	6,295	106
South Central	3,622	2,818	78	1,990	2,027	102
West	3,632	2,757	76	2,549	2,095	82
UNITED STATES	28,769	27,872	97	21,955	21,893	100

[1] Excludes exported poults.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the October 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 546 million, was 3% above October of the previous year. There were 430 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 1992, up 3% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.41 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 1992, up 10% from October 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 50.0 million broiler chicks during October 1992, up 9% from the 46.0 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**45,995**	**49,979**	**109**
Alabama	82,966	84,084	101
Arkansas	94,219	97,775	104
Delaware	14,973	14,221	95
Florida	12,962	12,254	95
Georgia	73,130	77,522	106
Maryland	30,063	30,938	103
Mississippi	37,332	40,528	109
Pennsylvania	10,869	10,497	97
South Carolina	8,019	9,756	122
Texas	33,192	33,053	100
Virginia	16,532	17,018	103
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	25,578	22,944	90
Washington & Oregon	4,752	4,605	97
Other States [1]	40,525	41,006	101
UNITED STATES	531,107	546,180	103
15 STATES [2]	485,830	500,569	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during October 1992 totaled 31.9 million, down 6% from October 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 23.9 million on November 1, 1992, down 19% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 237,000 during October 1992, down 7% from the 255,000 of October 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	918	1,119	122
Florida	1,768	1,590	90
Georgia	1,279	1,961	153
Indiana	5,976	6,074	102
Iowa	2,256	2,928	130
Kansas	277	318	115
Minnesota	2,080	1,965	94
Missouri	361	482	134
Pennsylvania	4,493	3,960	88
Other States [1]	14,677	11,540	79
UNITED STATES	34,085	31,937	94

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1991	1992	1993
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,502	2,483	2,529
February	167	139	273	196	2,553	2,375	2,553
March	217	279	186	67	2,666	2,322	2,604
April	173	231	178	77	2,519	2,337	2,655
May	202	250	262	105	2,485	2,437	2,637
June	242	179	225	126	2,394	2,476	
July	321	213	237	111	2,476	2,381	
August	279	226	277	123	2,406	2,483	
September	171	186	237	127	2,378	2,617	
October	155	255	237	93	2,440	2,524	
November	171	210			2,498	2,471	
December	229	134			2,546	2,483	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For October 1992, includes pullet chicks placed April 1991 through March 1992.

ALL HIRED WORKERS AND WAGE RATES, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1992 [1]

STATE	NUMBER OF WORKERS		WAGE RATES [2]	
	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
	Thousands		*Dollars per Hour*	
North Carolina	**57**	**22**	**5.05**	**5.77**
California	195	161	6.68	6.63
Florida	45	54	6.56	6.37
Michigan	20	32	5.55	6.42
New Mexico	7	6	5.46	5.92
New York	26	27	6.07	5.82
Oregon	25	20	6.17	6.84
Pennsylvania	21	30	5.60	5.92
Texas	44	45	5.11	5.38
Washington	60	30	6.65	7.10
Wisconsin	32	32	5.67	5.62

[1] Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. September survey week September 6-12, 1992 and October survey week October 11-17, 1992. [2] Does not include benefits provided to workers such as housing and meals.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

During the week of October 11-17, 1992, North Carolina farms hired 22,000 workers. This compares to 28,000 during the October 1991 survey week and 57,000 for the September 1992 survey week. The average wage rate for North Carolina was $5.77, down $.05 from October 1991.

There were 3.25 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 11-17, 1992. This compares with 3.29 million people during the October 1991 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.57 million of the total, along with 484,000 unpaid workers, and 892,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.09 per hour during the October 1992 survey week.

WORKERS ON FARMS, OCTOBER 11-17, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**144**	**116**	**67**	**65**	**19**	**10**	**58**	**41**	**26**	**25**	**32**	**16**
Appalachian II	191	281	132	140	23	29	36	49	25	28	11	21
Southeast	130	146	73	88	18	16	39	42	29	29	10	13
U.S. (49 States)	3,002	2,950	1,491	1,574	515	484	996	892	652	600	344	292

[1] Survey period in 1991 was October 6-12. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], OCTOBER 11-17, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	**5.33**	**5.37**	**5.26**	**5.72**	**7.37**	**8.12**	[4]	**7.05**	**5.32**	**5.33**	[4]	**6.24**	**5.89**	**6.52**
Appalachian II	5.11	4.93	5.28	5.09	[4]	8.40	[4]	[4]	5.37	5.10	[4]	[4]	5.34	6.75
Southeast	4.87	5.08	5.38	5.38	8.91	10.93	5.80	6.58	5.10	5.66	[4]	[4]	5.63	5.65
U.S. (49 States)	5.67	5.74	5.32	5.57	8.50	9.53	7.32	7.61	5.70	5.83	6.54	6.69	6.11	6.57

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1991 was October 6-12. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], OCTOBER 11-17, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**35.4**	**34.4**	**34.2**	**33.8**	**38.4**	**38.2**	**5.43**	**5.70**
Appalachian II	27.0	26.0	28.8	32.3	33.6	31.1	5.39	5.43
Southeast	31.0	27.6	29.8	25.5	38.0	34.0	5.35	5.64
U.S. (49 States)	41.9	39.6	38.0	38.3	42.2	41.4	5.88	6.09

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1991 was October 6-12. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

EGG PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	13,195	12,831	258	253	154	147	104	106
Alabama	9,539	10,716	186	214	78	105	108	109
Florida	9,818	9,313	202	197	186	184	16	13
Georgia	18,145	18,169	375	379	249	248	126	131
South Carolina	5,716	5,601	127	127	114	113	13	14
United States	275,683	280,180	5,898	6,023	5,081	5,211	817	812

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed November 1, 1992 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.53 million head, up 7% from a year ago but down 2% from November 1, 1990.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during October totaled 2.61 million, up 3% from last year but 4% below 1990. Net placements of 2.53 million for October were up 3% from last year but 4% below 1990.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.49 million, down 10% from last year and 7% below two years ago. This is the smallest October marketings since 1981.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, AUGUST 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	August 1			**September 1**		
Arizona	138	160	116	134	168	125
California	320	350	109	335	370	110
Colorado	800	730	91	730	690	95
Iowa	765	680	89	670	640	96
Kansas	1,495	1,600	107	1,515	1,620	107
Nebraska	1,770	1,570	89	1,690	1,600	95
Texas	2,100	1,910	91	1,990	1,880	94
7 States	7,388	7,000	95	7,064	6,968	99
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	October 1			**November 1**		
Arizona	151	180	119	193	214	111
California	355	385	108	370	420	114
Colorado	770	840	109	905	960	106
Iowa	630	660	105	710	740	104
Kansas	1,550	1,700	110	1,720	1,890	110
Nebraska	1,800	1,760	98	1,960	1,990	102
Texas	1,960	1,970	101	2,155	2,320	108
7 States	7,216	7,495	104	8,013	8,534	107

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GENERAL SITUATION

The wet conditions which began in early November across the Tar Heel State continued throughout the month. The first week of December brought some relief from the rain but cotton and soybean harvests have been slowed by the wet field conditions. As of December 6, 1992 soil moisture supplies were rated 47% adequate and 53% surplus.

As of December 6, 71% of the cotton had been harvested compared with 94% last year. Soybeans were 68% harvested compared with 83% last year. Wheat seeding was 87% completed with 77% of the crop emerged. The condition of the emerging wheat crop was rated 17% fair, 79% good and 4% excellent.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PLANTINGS

U.S. winter wheat plantings progress reached 92% completion in the 19 major producing states as of November 8. This trailed average progress by 2 points. Seeding was complete, or nearly so, in the Central and Northern Plains and in the Pacific Northwest. By November 22, emergence progressed to 89% in the 19 states, compared to the 92% average. As of November 29, seedling was continuing in Arizona, California, the Southeast, and parts of central Texas. Additional snow cover was needed in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

BURLEY TOBACCO, DECEMBER 1, 1992

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
	1991	Indicated 1992	1991	Indicated 1992	1991	Indicated 1992
	Acres		*Pounds*		*Thousand Pounds*	
North Carolina	**9,000**	**9,200**	**2,000**	**1,950**	**18,000**	**17,940**
Indiana	8,800	9,000	2,150	2,100	15,050	18,900
Kentucky	213,000	220,000	2,150	2,200	457,950	484,000
Missouri [1]	3,000	1,500	2,275	1,550	6,825	2,325
Ohio	10,400	10,800	2,190	2,100	22,776	22,680
Tennessee	54,000	59,000	1,950	2,000	105,300	118,000
Virginia	11,900	12,300	2,100	2,150	24,990	26,445
West Virginia [1]	1,900	2,000	1,800	1,800	3,420	3,600
United States	312,000	323,800	2,110	2,143	658,181	693,890

[1]*Estimate for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.*

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN

The North Carolina burley tobacco crop is forecast at 17.9 million pounds, down 3% from the November 1 forecast and down less than 1% from last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 1,950 pounds, 50 pounds less than the 1991 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 9,200, unchanged from last month but 2% more than 1991.

U.S. burley tobacco production is forecast at 694 million pounds, 1% below November 1 but 5% above 1991. Increased acreage and average yields from last year are the contributing factors. Area harvested is up 4% from a year earlier. Yield is expected to average 2,143 pounds per acre, 33 pounds more than in 1991.

Burley auction markets opened November 23. Gross pounds sold for the first seven days totaled 239 million pounds, virtually the same as the first seven days of the previous year.

U.S. COTTON GINNINGS

U.S. cotton ginnings totaled 12,598,900 running bales ginned prior to December 1, compared with 13,259,650 running bales for the same date last year and 12,428,045 running bales in 1990.

U.S. COTTONSEED DOWN

U.S. cottonseed production for 1992, based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio, is expected to total 6.26 million tons, down 10% from the 1991 production of 6.93 million tons.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in November 1992 was $2.13 per bushel, up 1 cent from the previous month but 41 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.31 per bushel, were down 9 cents from the previous month and 6 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in November, at $36.90 per hundredweight, were down $2.00 from October and 30 cents below a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.5 cents per pound, and turkeys, at 39.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 49.9 cents per dozen, were up 13.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.00 per hundredweight, was down 30 cents from both a month earlier and a year ago. Apples, at 18.8 cents per pound, were .2 cent below the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Nov. 1991	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.785	1.820	[5]	1.820	1.820	[5]
Corn	Bu.	2.54	2.12	2.13	2.29	2.04	1.96
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.25	1.31	1.32
Soybeans	Bu.	5.37	5.40	5.31	5.48	5.26	5.33
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.191	.324	.260 [4]	.246	.29	.279 [4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	37.20	38.90	36.90	38.00	41.90	40.90
Milk Cows	Hd.	-	1180.00	-	-	1150.00	-
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.280	.305	.305	.295	.329	.332
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.360	.390	.390	.370	.386	.390
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.484	.367	.499	.530	.455	.551
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.30	15.30	15.00	13.90	13.40	13.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	3.99	4.60	4.89
Apples, Com'l [1]	Lb.	.120	.190	.188	.254	.224	.199
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	69.10	70.50	74.10

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Based on sales during the first half of the month. [5] Sales volume insufficient to establish a price.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN 19% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 3.44 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 4.26 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.74 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 670 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 33.5 million pounds. There were 204 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of October 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 504 million pounds of which 474 million pounds were edible grades and 29.3 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 90.9 million pounds; Runners, 349 million pounds; and Spanish, 34.6 million pounds.

October millings totaled 479 million pounds. Millings by type were 131 million pounds of Virginias, 307 million pounds of Runners, and 41.1 million pounds of Spanish.

Commercial processors utilized 150 million pounds of shelled edible grade peanuts during October. Utilization for all peanut butter products was 73.6 million pounds, utilization for peanut candy was 32.3 million pounds, and utilization for snack peanuts was 41.1 million pounds. Crushing for oil, cake, and meal totaled 52.9 million pounds during the month.

Deliveries under the Government Domestic Feeding and Child Nutrition Programs amounted to 6,109,454 pounds of peanut butter, 379,260 pounds of roasted peanuts, and 92,400 pounds of peanut granules during the month of October.

Stocks of treated seed on hand October 31, 1992, totaled 103,000 pounds, the same as September 30, 1992. Of the October and September totals, 13,000 pounds were Virginias and Valencias, 85,000 pounds were Runners, and 5,000 pounds were Spanish.

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 490,000 bales, 20,000 bales less than the November 1 forecast and 23% less than the 1991 production. This forecast is based primarily on reports from cotton ginners as of December 1. Acreage harvested is estimated at 380,000 acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 77,000 acres from the 1991 harvested acreage. The resulting yield of 619 pounds per acre is 53 pounds less than last season's yield.

The U.S. December 1 forecast of all cotton production is 16.3 million bales, virtually unchanged from November 1 but down 8% from last year's production. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 15.8 million bales, while Pima production will be 501,000 bales. All cotton area for harvest is estimated at 11.2 million acres, down 13% from 1991. Yield for all cotton is expected to average 696 pounds per acre, 2 pounds above November and up 44 pounds from last year.

The forecast in the southeastern states (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina) puts production at 2.04 million bales, a 2% decrease from last month and 10% below 1991's production. Yields in this region are expected to average 666 pounds per acre, 57 pounds below 1991. Harvest was interrupted by rainfall during November, especially in Georgia, and caused deterioration in crop condition. As of December 6, all of these states were behind the average harvesting pace.

UPLAND COTTON, December 1, 1992

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION [1]	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousand Acres		*Pounds*		*Thousand Bales [2]*	
North Carolina	**457.0**	**380.0**	**672**	**619**	**640.0**	**490.0**
Alabama	405.0	435.0	655	673	553.0	610.0
Arizona	359.0	323.0	1,201	1,063	898.0	715.0
Arkansas	980.0	960.0	772	825	1,576.0	1,650.0
California	977.0	995.0	1,252	1,327	2,548.0	2,750.0
Florida [3]	49.0	50.0	719	780	73.4	81.3
Georgia	427.0	458.0	812	744	722.0	710.0
Kansas [3]	1.8	2.5	347	250	1.3	1.3
Louisiana	820.0	880.0	828	709	1,414.0	1,300.0
Mississippi	1,230.0	1,345.0	888	767	2,275.0	2,150.0
Missouri	327.0	343.0	630	763	429.0	545.0
N. Mexico	65.0	45.0	465	651	63.0	61.0
Oklahoma	380.0	345.0	303	320	240.0	230.0
South Carolina	210.0	193.0	786	560	344.0	225.0
Tennessee	610.0	620.0	552	627	701.0	810.0
Texas	5,400.0	3,550.0	419	460	4,710.0	3,400.0
Virginia [3]	17.7	22.0	765	650	28.2	29.8
UNITED STATES	12,715.5	10,946.5	650	691	17,215.9	15,758.4

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales. [3] Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Nov. 15 1990 [1]	Nov. 15 1991 [1]	Oct. 15 1992 [1]	Nov. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	240	232	237	237
All Crops	247	247	255	252
Tobacco	257	272	277	277
Oil Bearing	260	186	234	209
Grains	186	184	155	156
Commercial Vegetables	191	205	194	194
Fruits	274	202	269	267
Livestock and Livestock Products	226	207	206	212
Meat Animals	274	234	234	231
Poultry	198	182	182	195
Dairy	239	239	239	234
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	268	254	253	250
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	389	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	65	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The November 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 237% of its 1967 base, was unchanged from a month ago. Higher prices for corn and eggs were offset by lower prices for soybeans, peanuts, hogs, milk, and apples. The index was 5 points above a year earlier.

The November 1992 "All Crops" index, at 252, was down 3 points from the previous month but 5 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for November 1992, at 212, was up 6 points from the previous month and 5 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for November 1992, at 231, was down 3 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 195, was up 13 points. The dairy index, at 234, was down 5 points from a month earlier.

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HOG INVENTORY UP

North Carolina hog producers had a record high inventory of 4.5 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 1992, up 23% from a year earlier. Breeding stock at 500,000 head was up 14% from the previous year while market hogs, totaling 4.0 million head, were up 25%.

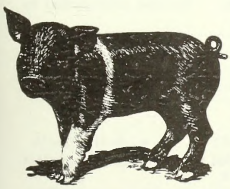
Tar Heel producers intend to farrow 245,000 sows during December 1992-February 1993 and 250,000 during March-May 1993. If these intentions materialize, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 60,000 head or 14% over the same period last year.

During the past six month period, June-November, North Carolina producers farrowed 465,000 sows, up 16% from the comparable period a year earlier. Pigs per litter averaged 8.55, below last year's record high 8.65 pigs. The pig crop totaled 3,975,000 head, up 15% from the previous year.

Hogs and pigs on farms December 1, 1992 in the **United States** are estimated at 59.8 million head, up 4% from a year earlier. Breeding inventory, at 7.41 million head, was up 2% from the same period last year. Market hogs totaled 52.4 million head, 4% above a year ago.

Nationally, producers intend to farrow 6.40 million sows during the December 1992-May 1993 period. If realized, farrowings will be 2% above the same period last year.

The U.S. June-November 1992 pig crop totaled 50.6 million head, 6% above the previous year. The average litter size was 8.10 pigs, up 3% from last year's record high.



HOGS AND PIGS - DECEMBER 1, 1992 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 1991	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1992 As % Of 1991	UNITED STATES 1991	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS DEC 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	3,650	4,500	123	57,684	59,815	104
Kept for breeding	440	500	114	7,254	7,408	102
Market	3,210	4,000	125	50,430	52,408	104
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,375	1,600	116	18,678	19,594	105
60-119 Lbs.	730	880	121	12,969	13,326	103
120-179 Lbs.	600	820	137	10,382	10,780	104
180 Lbs. and Over	505	700	139	8,402	8,708	104
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	3,150	4,200	133	56,410	59,295	105
Kept for breeding	375	465	124	7,505	7,608	101
Market	2,775	3,735	135	48,905	51,687	106
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1]-February	165	215	130	2,714	2,900	107
March-May	180	220	122	3,287	3,375	103
December [1]-May	345	435	126	6,001	6,275	105
June-August	195	225	115	3,105	3,182	102
September-November	205	240	117	2,969	3,069	103
June-November	400	465	116	6,074	6,251	103
PIG CROP:						
December [1]-February	1,361	1,806	133	21,349	23,320	109
March-May	1,566	1,881	120	26,158	27,257	104
December [1]-May	2,927	3,687	126	47,507	50,577	106
June-August	1,697	1,935	114	24,499	25,915	106
September-November	1,763	2,040	116	23,427	24,697	105
June-November	3,460	3,975	115	47,926	50,612	106
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [1]-February	8.25	8.40	102	7.87	8.04	102
March-May	8.70	8.55	98	7.96	8.08	102
December [1]-May	8.48	8.48	100	7.92	8.06	102
June-August	8.70	8.60	99	7.89	8.14	103
September-November	8.60	8.50	99	7.89	8.05	102
June-November	8.65	8.55	99	7.89	8.10	103

	Sows to Farrow 1992	Sows to Farrow 1993	1993 As % Of 1992	Sows to Farrow 1992	Sows to Farrow 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1]-February	215	245	114	2,900	2,998	103
March-May	220	250	114	3,375	3,401	101
December [1]-May	435	495	114	6,275	6,399	102

[1] *December preceding year.*

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during November 1992 totaled 26.5 million, down 13% from November 1991. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.0 million on December 1, 1992, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 269,000 during November 1992, up 28% from the 210,000 of November 1991.

CHICKS HATCHED - NOVEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,102	1,125	102
Florida	1,952	1,353	69
Georgia	1,420	1,493	105
Indiana	5,203	5,971	115
Iowa	2,065	2,321	112
Kansas	279	235	84
Minnesota	1,583	1,916	121
Missouri	313	313	100
Pennsylvania	3,399	3,550	104
Other States [1]	13,084	8,270	63
UNITED STATES	30,400	26,547	87

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during November 1992 totaled 125 million pounds, up 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel Farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,300 pounds, was up 30 pounds from November 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during November 1992 totaled 10.3 billion pounds, up 3% from production in these same States in November 1991. October revised production at 10.6 billion pounds was up 3% from October 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,244 pounds for November, 52 pounds more than November 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.26 million head, 73,000 less than November 1991 but 6,000 more than October 1992.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the November 1992 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 525 million, was 3% above November of the previous year. There were 484 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 1992, up 3% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 4.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 1992, down 2% from November 1991.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 50.2 million broiler chicks during November 1992, up 6% from the 47.4 million a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED - NOVEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**47,443**	**50,237**	**106**
Alabama	78,629	78,593	100
Arkansas	86,256	89,711	104
Delaware	14,307	14,037	98
Florida	11,385	11,766	103
Georgia	70,293	74,559	106
Maryland	29,969	30,609	102
Mississippi	36,413	37,955	104
Pennsylvania	10,299	9,586	93
South Carolina	7,807	9,473	121
Texas	32,540	32,180	99
Virginia	15,958	16,600	104
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	27,322	25,641	94
Washington & Oregon	4,702	4,474	95
Other States [1]	38,409	39,125	102
UNITED STATES	511,732	524,546	103
15 STATES [2]	468,621	480,947	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds		1992 As % Of 1991
					1991	1992	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**96**	**1,270**	**1,300**	**124**	**125**	**101**
Florida	176	182	1,100	1,120	194	204	105
Maryland	104	100	1,095	1,130	114	113	99
Virgina	140	135	1,195	1,250	167	169	101
21 STATES	8,329	8,256	1,192	1,244	9,926	10,273	103

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 3.74 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.97 billion pounds last year, 6% less. This total includes 2.96 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 742 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 44.5 million pounds. There were 309 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of November 30, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 558 million pounds of which 532 million pounds were edible grades and 25.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 129 million pounds; Runners, 361 million pounds; and Spanish, 41.6 million pounds.

TURKEY PLACEMENTS DOWN

The 22.1 million poults placed during November 1992 in the United States were down slightly from the placements during the same month a year ago. Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 1992, totaled 29.9 million, down 1% from a year earlier.

TURKEY HATCHERY

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators December 1			Poults Placed During November [1]		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,778**	**10,220**	**95**	**7,710**	**8,161**	**106**
East North Central	3,989	4,378	110	3,051	3,171	104
West North Central	7,720	8,489	110	5,862	5,924	101
South Central	3,830	3,583	94	2,809	2,538	90
West	3,752	3,235	86	2,799	2,329	83
UNITED STATES	30,069	29,905	99	22,231	22,123	100

[1] Excludes exported poults.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - DECEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**12,653**	**11,618**	**92**	**6,001**	**4,941**	**82**
East North Central	4,784	4,903	102	7,640	8,414	110
West North Central	10,359	10,732	104	4,698	5,132	109
South Atlantic	182,563	193,651	106	4,896	5,078	104
South Central	236,212	241,596	102	4,251	3,205	75
West	21,765	21,767	100	3,597	3,269	91
UNITED STATES	468,336	484,267	103	31,083	30,039	97

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1992 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1991	1992	1993
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	149	79	181	229	2,502	2,483	2,529
February	167	139	273	196	2,553	2,375	2,553
March	217	279	186	67	2,666	2,322	2,604
April	173	231	178	77	2,519	2,337	2,655
May	202	250	262	105	2,485	2,437	2,637
June	242	179	225	126	2,394	2,476	2,696
July	321	213	237	111	2,476	2,381	
August	279	226	277	123	2,406	2,483	
September	171	186	237	127	2,378	2,617	
October	155	255	237	93	2,440	2,524	
November	171	210	269	128	2,498	2,471	
December	229	134			2,546	2,483	
ANN. TOT.	2,476	2,381					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. [2] For November 1992, includes pullet chicks placed May 1991 through April 1992.

NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 249 million eggs during November 1992, down slightly from a year earlier. Production consisted of 144 million table eggs and 105 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 2% while hatching eggs were up 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during November was 12.9 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consist-ed of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 5.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

The Nation's laying flocks produced 17.6 billion eggs during the September through November quarter, up 2% from the corresponding quarter a year ago. Production included 15.3 billion for table eggs, 2.20 billion for broiler-type hatching eggs, and 180 million egg-type hatching eggs. Layers for the quarter averaged 279 million, up 1% from the 276 million a year ago.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.90 billion during November 1992, 2% above a year ago. Production included 5.11 billion table eggs, 727 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 58.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during November averaged 280 million, up 1% from a year ago. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,103 eggs, compared with 2,088 in November 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 1992, totaled 281 million, up 1% from the 278 million layers a year ago. The 281 million layers consisted of 238 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 40.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 1992, averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 69.9 eggs per 100 layers on December 1, 1991.

EGG PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,098**	**12,883**	**250**	**249**	**147**	**144**	**103**	**105**
Alabama	9,694	10,833	187	214	83	108	104	106
Florida	9,753	9,576	204	204	188	191	16	13
Georgia	18,417	18,382	373	379	253	252	120	127
South Carolina	5,645	5,408	122	117	110	103	12	14
United States	277,221	280,380	5,789	5,896	4,998	5,111	791	785

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed December 1, 1992 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.88 million head, up 5% from a year ago but down 2% from December 1 1990.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during November totaled 1.87 million, down 3% from last year and 6% below 1990. Net placements of 1.78 million for November were down 3% from last year and 6% below 1990.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.44 million, up 4% from last year but 6% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 86,000 head compared to 77,000 in November 1991 and 95,000 in November 1990.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	September 1			**October 1**		
Arizona	134	168	125	151	180	119
California	335	370	110	355	385	108
Colorado	730	690	95	770	840	109
Iowa	670	640	96	630	660	105
Kansas	1,515	1,620	107	1,550	1,700	110
Nebraska	1,690	1,600	95	1,800	1,760	98
Texas	1,990	1,880	94	1,960	1,970	101
7 States	7,064	6,968	99	7,216	7,495	104
	1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	November 1			**December 1**		
Arizona	193	214	111	227	236	104
California	370	420	114	385	430	112
Colorado	905	960	106	925	990	107
Iowa	710	740	104	800	800	100
Kansas	1,720	1,890	110	1,830	1,910	104
Nebraska	1,960	1,990	102	2,100	2,100	100
Texas	2,155	2,320	108	2,210	2,410	109
7 States	8,013	8,534	107	8,477	8,876	105

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TURKEYS RAISED UP

North Carolina turkey producers raised 62.0 million turkeys in 1992, up 7% from the previous year. Turkeys raised in the United States during 1992 totaled 289 million, 1% more than the 285 million turkeys raised during 1991.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 62.0 million, followed by Minnesota with 43.5 million; Arkansas with 25.0 million; California with 23.5 million; Missouri with 20.5 million; Virginia with 19.3 million; and Indiana with 15.4 million. These States accounted for over two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1992.

Turkey growers in the 20 major producing States intend to raise 277 million turkeys in 1993, up 2% from 1992. Intentions for the top 5 producing States compared with 1992 are as follows: North Carolina, up 2%; Minnesota, up 1%; Arkansas, up 2%; California, down 2%; and Missouri, up 10%.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1993 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED

STATE	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	INTENDED 1993[1]	1993 As % Of 1992
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*	*Percent*
North Carolina	58,000	62,000	107	63,000	102
Arkansas	24,000	25,000	104	25,500	102
California	29,000	23,500	81	23,000	98
Georgia	1,900	1,990	105	1,770	89
Indiana	15,000	15,400	103	15,100	98
Iowa	8,700	8,600	99	8,600	100
Minnesota	44,000	43,500	99	44,000	101
Missouri	21,500	20,500	95	22,500	110
North Dakota	1,430	1,250	87	1,200	96
Ohio	4,500	5,200	116	5,400	104
Oregon	2,350	2,400	102	2,300	96
Pennsylvania	8,400	8,800	105	8,500	97
South Carolina	6,000	6,350	106	6,050	95
South Dakota	2,700	2,800	104	2,600	93
Utah	4,050	3,750	93	3,700	99
Virginia	17,300	19,300	112	20,000	104
Other States	36,280	38,640	107	23,400 [2]	N/A
20 STATE TOTAL				276,620	102
U.S. TOTAL	285,110	288,980	101		

[1] Intentions to raise turkeys made in 20 states only. [2] CO, OK, TX, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION DROPS

North Carolina farmers produced 470,000 bales of cotton in 1992. This is 4% less than the earlier forecast and 27% less than the 1991 production. Acres harvested at 377,000 are down 1% from December 1 and down 18% from 1991. The average yield per acre at 598 pounds is 74 pounds below the previous year's average.

U.S. upland cotton production in 1992 is expected to total 15.8 million bales, virtually unchanged from the December 1 forecast but 8% below the 1991 crop. Ginnings totaled 14,944,850 running bales ginned prior to January 1, compared with 15,877,750 running bales for the same date last year and 14,516,334 running bales in 1990.

UPLAND COTTON, January 1, 1993

STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION [1]		
	1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992
	Thousand Acres						*Pounds*			*Thousand Bales [2]*		
North Carolina	**201.0**	**460.0**	**380.0**	**200.0**	**457.0**	**377.0**	**631**	**672**	**598**	**263.0**	**640.0**	**470.0**
Alabama	380.0	410.0	415.0	378.0	405.0	408.0	476	655	718	375.0	553.0	610.0
Arizona	350.0	360.0	325.0	348.0	359.0	323.0	1,119	1,201	1,063	811.0	898.0	715.0
Arkansas	770.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	750.0	980.0	980.0	692	772	833	1,081.0	1,576.0	1,700.0
California	1,100.0	980.0	1,000.0	1,090.0	977.0	995.0	1,204	1,252	1,351	2,734.0	2,548.0	2,800.0
Florida	37.0	50.0	50.0	36.0	49.0	49.5	640	719	776	48.0	73.4	80.0
Georgia	355.0	430.0	460.0	350.0	427.0	456.0	555	812	789	405.0	722.0	750.0
Kansas	1.5	2.0	3.0	1.2	1.8	1.8	280	347	240	0.7	1.3	0.9
Louisiana	810.0	875.0	890.0	790.0	820.0	870.0	715	828	712	1,177.0	1,414.0	1,290.0
Mississippi	1,230.0	1,245.0	1,350.0	1,220.0	1,230.0	1,345.0	728	888	767	1,850.0	2,275.0	2,150.0
Missouri	248.0	332.0	335.0	235.0	327.0	328.0	641	630	802	314.0	429.0	548.0
N. Mexico	69.0	69.0	55.0	62.0	65.0	37.0	735	465	662	95.0	63.0	51.0
Oklahoma	380.0	440.0	370.0	370.0	380.0	340.0	496	303	304	382.0	240.0	215.0
South Carolina	155.0	211.0	197.0	154.0	210.0	193.0	452	786	550	145.0	344.0	221.0
Tenneee	525.0	620.0	625.0	515.0	610.0	618.0	461	552	649	495.0	701.0	835.0
Texas	5,500.0	6,300.0	5,550.0	5,000.0	5,400.0	3,550.0	477	419	446	4,965.0	4,710.0	3,300.0
Virginia	5.3	17.7	22.0	5.3	17.7	21.5	562	765	601	6.2	28.2	26.9
U.S.	12,116.8	13,801.7	13,027.0	11,504.5	12,715.5	10,892.8	632	650	695	15,146.9	17,215.9	15,762.8

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales.

GRAIN STOCKS UP 4%

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on December 1, 1992 totaled 62.6 million bushels, 4% more than the same quarter in 1991. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 38.5 million bushels, up 12% from 1991. Off-farm holdings totaled 24.1 million bushels, down 7% from a year earlier.

North Carolina soybean stocks in all positions totaled 31.3 million bushels, 4% more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 20.0 million bushels, were up 43% but off-farm stocks decreased 30% from a year earlier to 11.3 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, DECEMBER 1, 1992, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	17,500	18,500	18,008	18,187	35,508	36,687
June 1	12,000	8,500	11,176	10,577	23,176	19,077
September 1	4,800	2,700	5,441	4,611	10,241	7,311
December 1	**34,500**	**38,500**	**25,897**	**24,145**	**60,397**	**62,645**
SOYBEANS						
March 1	7,000	6,500	9,551	10,364	16,551	16,864
June 1	3,200	2,800	5,404	5,742	8,604	8,542
September 1	1,300	1,100	2,341	2,122	3,641	3,222
December 1	**14,000**	**20,000**	**16,141**	**11,272**	**30,141**	**31,272**
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	320	400	4,125	4,385	4,445	4,785
June 1	150	40	2,369	2,255	2,519	2,295
September 1	1,600	3,500	10,645	12,308	12,245	15,808
December 1	**800**	**1,700**	**6,537**	**9,034**	**7,337**	**10,734**
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	3,064,500	2,610,200	1,724,474	1,950,785	4,788,974	4,560,985
June 1	1,755,000	1,517,500	1,236,957	1,221,051	2,991,957	2,738,551
September 1 [2]	691,200	605,500	830,045	494,811	1,521,245	1,100,311
December 1	**4,294,500**	**5,736,900**	**2,246,624**	**2,164,815**	**6,541,124**	**7,901,715**
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	532,920	275,550	863,336	611,685	1,396,256	887,235
June 1 [2]	341,210	144,605	524,706	327,248	865,916	471,853
September 1 [2]	828,000	979,400	1,212,719	1,128,219	2,040,719	2,107,619
December 1	**564,800**	**672,000**	**878,721**	**916,906**	**1,443,521**	**1,588,906**
SOYBEANS						
March 1	555,500	505,000	634,619	672,343	1,910,119	1,177,343
June 1	336,500	279,000	387,022	416,671	723,522	695,671
September 1	118,400	105,000	210,642	173,437	329,042	278,437
December 1	**810,000**	**876,100**	**968,957**	**958,339**	**1,778,957**	**1,834,439**
SORGHUM						
March 1	73,780	54,960	259,099	196,286	332,879	251,246
June 1	43,750	34,140	178,250	76,247	222,000	110,387
September 1	22,150	18,840	120,435	34,352	142,585	53,192
December 1	**110,200**	**210,650**	**340,262**	**393,521**	**450,462**	**604,171**

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.* [2] *Revised.*

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY DOWN

Capacity of off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 78.4 million bushels in North Carolina on December 1, 1992. This is a 2% decrease from December 1, 1991. The number of facilities, at 329, were up 3% from a year earlier.

Capacity of on-farm storage on December 1, 1992 totaled 110 million bushels, unchanged from a year ago.

ON AND OFF FARM STORAGE CAPACITIES DECEMBER 1, 1991, 1992

Year	OFF FARM		ON FARM
	Number of Facilities	Rated Storage Capacity	Storage Capacity
		Thousand Bushels	*Million Bushels*
N.C.			
1991	323	79,980	110
1992	329	78,390	110
U.S.			
1991	12,825 [1]	8,911,220 [1]	12,170 [2]
1992	12,504	8,665,400	12,090 [2]

[1] *Revised* [2] *Sampling error for 1991 is 1.6% and 0.9% for 1992.*

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS MAY 1 & DECEMBER 1, 1991-92

YEAR	HAY STOCKS ON FARMS	
	May 1	December 1
	1,000 tons	
1991	182	753
1992	212	728

N.C. HAY STOCKS DECLINE

Hay stocks on North Carolina farms on December 1, 1992 totaled 728,000 tons, down 3% from the same period a year earlier. Hay stocks on May 1, 1992 totaled 212,000 tons, up 16% from the May 1, 1991 total.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP RYE SEEDINGS RECORD LOW

Winter wheat seedings for the 1993 crop in North Carolina are estimated at 630,000 acres, up 5% from the 1992 crop. Rye area seeded for 1993 is estimated at 110,000 acres, up 22% from last season.

U.S. winter wheat seedings for 1993 are estimated at 51.5 million acres, up 1% from 1992. The U.S. rye area seeded for use in 1993 is expected to total 1.48 million acres, down 6% from 1992 and if realized will be the lowest level on record.

WINTER WHEAT AND RYE SEEDINGS [1] SELECTED STATES

STATE	WINTER WHEAT				RYE			
	1991	1992	1993	% Change	1991	1992	1993	% Change
	Thousand Acres				*Thousand Acres*			
North Carolina	**550**	**600**	**630**	**+ 5**	**110**	**90**	**110**	**+ 22**
Florida	50	45	40	-11	-	-	-	-
Georgia	500	400	400	0	330	300	340	+13
Kentucky	640	620	730	+18	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	300	285	300	+ 5	68	60	58	- 3
Tennessee	440	410	500	+22	-	-	-	-
Virginia	280	290	280	- 3	100	90	80	-11
U.S. TOTAL	51,064	51,057	51,506	+ 1	1,671	1,582	1,481	- 6

[1] *Total area seeded for all purposes.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Dec. 1991	Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.780	1.795	1.765	1.805	1.830	1.825
Corn	Bu.	2.68	2.17	2.28	2.33	1.98	2.01
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.25	1.36	1.38
Soybeans	Bu.	5.33	5.33	5.42	5.45	5.36	5.46
Peanuts, In Shell.	Lb.	.246	.259	.299 [4]	.252	.282	.257 [4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	37.90	37.00	39.40	38.60	40.90	42.10
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.280	.305	.290	.290	.332	.313
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.380	.390	.400	.381	.390	.392
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.574	.499	.449	.639	.551	.555
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.00	14.90	14.70	13.80	13.10	12.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.29	4.88	4.89
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.120	.188	.192	.258	.199	.200
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	68.90	74.10	73.80

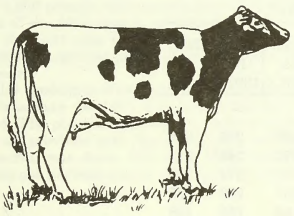
[1] *Entire month.* [2] *Mid month.* [3] *Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.* [4] *Based on sales during the first half of the month.*

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in December 1992 was $1.765 per pound, down 3.0 cents from the previous month and 1.5 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.28 per bushel, were up 11 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.42 per bushel, were up 9 cents from the previous month. Peanuts, at 29.9 cents per pound were up 4.0 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in December, at $39.40 per hundredweight, were up $2.40 from November and $1.50 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.0 cents per pound, were down 1.5 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 40.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 44.9 cents per dozen, were down 5.0 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.70 per hundredweight, was down 20 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 19.2 cents per pound, were .4 cent above the previous month.



MILK PRODUCTION - DECEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Pounds 1991	Pounds 1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**96**	**1,330**	**1,375**	**130**	**132**	**102**
Florida	178	180	1,240	1,240	222	223	100
Maryland	102	100	1,170	1,190	119	119	100
Virgina	140	135	1,265	1,305	177	176	99
21 STATES	8,322	8,253	1,252	1,298	10,418	10,711	103

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during December 1992 totaled 132 million pounds, up 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,375 pounds, was up 45 pounds from December 1991.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during December 1992 totaled 10.7 billion pounds, up 3% from production in these same states in December 1991. November revised production, at 10.2 billion pounds, was up 3% from November 1991.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,298 pounds for December, 46 pounds above December 1991. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.25 million head, 69,000 below December 1991 and 1,000 below November 1992.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on January 1, 1993, averaged 18.4 pounds per cow, .4 pound more than on January 1, 1992. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on January 1, 1993, averaged $7.67 per hundredweight, 2 cents less than January 1, 1992.

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The December 1992 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 234% of its 1967 base, was down 2 points from November. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, broilers, eggs, and milk. The index was 1 point below a year earlier.

The December 1992 "All Crops" index, at 249, was unchanged from the previous month and 1 point below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index, at 207, was down 5 points from the previous month and 4 points below the previous year.

Meat animals index for December 1992, at 236, was up 4 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 184, was down 11 points. The dairy index, at 229, was down 4 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Dec. 15 1990 [1]	Dec. 15 1991 [1]	Nov. 15 1992 [1]	Dec. 15 1992
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	243	235	236	234
All Crops	257	250	249	249
Tobacco	265	271	274	269
Oil Bearing	286	205	209	225
Grains	189	194	158	166
Commercial Vegetables	191	205	194	194
Fruits	276	202	267	271
Livestock and Livestock Products	219	211	212	207
Meat Animals	267	232	232	236
Poultry	197	192	195	184
Dairy	212	234	233	229
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	262	250	249	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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1992 ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

North Carolina **flue-cured tobacco** production in 1992 totaled 578 million pounds, 6% less than 1991. The decline in production is attributed to a decrease in yield and acreage. Growers harvested 261 thousand acres, 5 thousand less than 1991. Yield per acre averaged 2,213 pounds, 105 pounds less than last year. The value of the flue-cured crop totaled $1.00 billion, compared with $1.07 billion in 1991. Farmers received an average price of $1.735 per pound, fractionally above last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is estimated at 892 million pounds, 2% less than a year ago and down 5% from 1990. Compared with last year, lower yields, coupled with decreased acreage, produced the smaller crop. Yield per acre, at 2,222 pounds, lost 43 pounds from last year's average and was 31 pounds below 1990. Acres harvested were down fractionally from a year ago and 4% less than 1990.

Burley tobacco production in the state is estimated at 17.9 million pounds, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Value of the crop is placed at $31.7 million.

U.S. burley production totaled 694 million pounds this year, 5% above a year ago and exceeded the 1990 output by 16%. The change from last year reflects an increase in acreage and yield. The 324 thousand acres harvested was 4% above 1991 and up 19% from 1990. This year's yield per acre averaged 2,144 pounds, 34 pounds more than a year ago.

The state's 1992 **peanut** crop is estimated at 398 million pounds, 14% below the 1990 production. Growers planted 153 thousand acres, 6% less than a year earlier. Area harvested, at 153 thousand acres, is also 6% below 1991. Yield per acre averaged 2,600 pounds, 250 pounds less than the previous season. Value of the 1992 crop is estimated at $123 million, down 3% from the 1991 crop value. The marketing year average price for 1992 is $.309 per pound compared with $.274 for the previous year.

U.S. production of peanuts in 1992 totaled 4.28 billion pounds, 13% less than the 1991 crop but is the third largest crop on record. The planted area, at 1.71 million acres, was 16% less than the previous year. Harvested area, estimated at 1.69 million acres, was down 16% from 1991. Yields averaged 2,536 pounds per harvested acre, up 92 pounds from 1991.

North Carolina production of **corn** for grain in 1992 totaled 98.8 million bushels, 16% above the 1991 production of 85.5 million bushels. Tar Heel farmers harvested 1.04 million acres with an average yield of 95 bushels per acre. This compares with 950 thousand acres harvested in 1991 with an average yield of 90 bushels per acre. The value of the crop totaled $217 million, down 3% from the previous year's crop. Average price was $2.20 per bushel, down $.43 from 1991.

U.S. corn for grain production is estimated at a record high 9.48 billion bushels, up 27% from the 1991 crop. The U.S production is 2% above the November 1 forecast. The U.S. record high yield is 131.4 bushels per acre, up 22.8 bushels from last year and 11.6 bushels above the 1987 record yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 72.1 million acres, up 5% from 1991.

North Carolina **sweetpotato** production in 1992 totaled 4.05 million cwt., the same as the 1991 production but 18% below the production in 1990. Harvested area, at 30 thousand acres, is unchanged from 1991. Average yield per acre is estimated at 135 cwt., the same as a year ago. The sweetpotato crop was valued at $39.5 million, down 3% from 1991. The average price, at $9.75 per cwt., was 3% below the previous year.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes is estimated at 11.8 million cwt. for 1992, up 5% from a year earlier but 7% below 1990. Growers harvested 77.8 thousand acres in 1992, the same as a year ago but 13% below 1990. The average yield was a record 151 cwt. per acre, up 7 cwt. from the previous crop and 10 cwt. above 2 years ago.

The 1992 production of all **hay** in North Carolina is estimated at 1.23 million tons, 5% above the 1991 crop. Of the total production, 84 thousand tons were alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures and 1,150 thousand tons were all other hay. Area harvested, at 530 thousand acres, is up 2% from a year earlier. The average yield per acre, at 2.33 tons, is .07 ton below the 1991 average. The value of the hay crop is estimated at $82.9 million, compared with $78.8 million the previous year. Price per ton averaged $69.00 compared with $67.00 in 1991.

U.S. production of all hay is estimated at 149 million tons, 3% less than 1991 but 2% above the 1990 crop. Growers harvested 59.6 million acres, 5% fewer than in 1991. The average yield per acre was 2.50 tons, .05 ton above last year and .11 ton above 1990. Weather conditions over much of the U.S. were ideal in the spring but later caused problems as frequent showers caused damage to the crop and hampered harvest.

North Carolina production of **soybeans** is estimated at 36.5 million bushels, 6% less than 1991 production but 13% more than 1990 production. Harvested area was 1.35 million acres, 3% above the previous year. Yield per acre averaged 27.0 bushels, 2.5 bushels below the 1991 average. The value of production was placed at $199 million, 8% less than the 1991 value of $215 million. Farmers received an average price of $5.45 per bushel compared with the 1991 market year average price of $5.56 per bushel.

U.S. production of soybeans in 1992 totaled 2.20 billion bushels, 11% above 1991, and 1% above the November 1 forecast. Yield per acre averaged a record high 37.6 bushels, 3.4 bushels above the previous record high set last year. Planted acreage totaled 59.3 million acres, fractionally higher than the 1991 plantings. Harvested acres totaled 58.4 million acres, up 1% from 1991.

North Carolina's **cotton** crop totaled 470 thousand bales in 1992, 27% less than a year earlier. Area harvested was 377 thousand acres, 18% below 1991. The average yield per acre of 598 pounds is 74 pounds less than the previous year's average. Value of the crop is placed at $118 million, 35% less than the 1991 crop value. Price per pound averaged 52.1 cents compared with 59.3 cents in 1991.

U.S. all cotton production at 16.3 million bales was down 8% from 1991. Value of cotton lint was $4.18 billion, 15% less than the previous year's crop.

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Crop, Vegetable, and Fr

CROPS	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YIEL
	1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992		1990
NORTH CAROLINA FIELD CROPS	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*				
Barley for Grain	35	40	35	30	35	30	Bu.	53
Oats for Grain	80	85	90	40	40	50	Bu.	61
Rye for Grain	100	110	90	15	20	15	Bu.	23
Wheat for Grain	600	550	600	550	480	555	Bu.	41
Corn for Grain [4]	1,200	1,050	1,150	1,070	950	1,040	Bu.	68
Corn for Silage [5]	-	-	-	85	90	100	Ton	12.0
Cotton, Upland [6]	201	460	380	200	457	377	Lb.	631
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	-
Peanuts	165.0	162.0	153.0	164.0	162.0	153.0	Lb.	2,900
Sorghum for Grain [4]	65	45	40	40	25	20	Bu.	46.0
Sorghum for Silage [5]	-	-	-	20	15	10	Ton	9.0
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,350	1,400	1,350	1,310	1,350	Bu.	24.0
Tobacco, Type 11	-	-	-	106.0	104.0	98.0	Lb.	2,090
Type 12	-	-	-	135.0	129.0	129.0	Lb.	2,370
Type 13	-	-	-	35.0	33.0	34.0	Lb.	2,290
Total 11-13	-	-	-	276.0	266.0	261.0	Lb.	2,252
Type 31	-	-	-	8.2	9.0	9.2	Lb.	2,195
All	-	-	-	284.2	275.0	270.2	Lb.	2,251
HAY CROPS								
Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	30	40	30	Ton	2.90
Other	-	-	-	440	480	500	Ton	2.10
All	-	-	-	470	520	530	Ton	2.15
FRUITS AND NUTS				*Actual Acres*				
Apples, Commercial [3 8]	-	-	-	12,000	11,000	10,900	Lb.	19,200
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	2,900	2,900	2,800	Lb.	2,100
Grapes [3 8]	-	-	-	600	550	520	Ton	2.5
Peaches [3 8]	-	-	-	2,500	2,200	2,100	Lb.	4,000
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
POTATOES			*Actual Acres*					
Irish Potatoes, Spring	16,500	17,300	17,600	16,200	17,000	17,300	Cwt.	200
Summer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	Cwt.	100
All	18,000	18,800	19,100	17,600	18,400	18,700	Cwt.	192
Sweetpotatoes	36,000	31,000	31,000	34,000	30,000	30,000	Cwt.	145
VEGETABLES FRESH MARKET								
Cabbage, All [9]	5,700	6,000	6,100	5,400	5,800	5,900	Cwt.	170
Cucumbers	6,300	6,000	5,900	6,100	5,800	5,700	Cwt.	64
Green Peppers	8,000	8,000	8,200	7,000	7,600	7,800	Cwt.	47
Snap Beans, All	7,000	7,000	7,200	6,700	6,800	7,000	Cwt.	34
Strawberries, All	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,300	Cwt.	60
Sweet Corn	5,500	5,200	4,900	5,200	4,900	4,800	Cwt.	65
Tomatoes	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,600	1,500	Cwt.	215
Watermelons	10,000	11,000	10,900	9,500	10,200	10,100	Cwt.	165
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	25,000	23,300	20,400	24,600	21,400	20,100	Ton	3.99
UNITED STATES	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*				
Barley for Grain	8,221	8,941	7,802	7,529	8,413	7,309	Bu.	56.1
Oats for Grain	10,423	8,654	7,961	5,945	4,806	4,492	Bu.	60.1
Rye for Grain	1,625	1,671	1,582	375	396	406	Bu.	27.1
Wheat for Grain, All	77,241	69,921	72,262	69,283	57,703	62,407	Bu.	39.5
Corn for Grain [4]	74,171	75,951	79,325	66,952	68,847	72,144	Bu.	118.5
Cotton, All [6]	12,348	14,052	13,290	11,732	12,960	11,153	Lb.	634
Peanuts for Nuts	1,840	2,039	1,709	1,810	2,016	1,689	Lb.	1,991
Sorghum for Grain [4]	10,535	11,064	13,277	9,089	9,870	12,150	Bu.	63.1
Soybeans for Beans	57,795	59,180	59,330	56,512	58,011	58,383	Bu.	34.1
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	-	-	-	416.9	402.6	401.6	Lb.	2,253
Burley	-	-	-	271.2	312.0	323.8	Lb.	2,205
All	-	-	-	733.3	763.7	776.6	Lb.	2,218
Hay, All	-	-	-	61,407	62,475	59,597	Ton	2.39
Sweetpotatoes	94	81	82	90	78	78	Cwt.	141

[1] *Received by Farmers.* [2] *Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.* [3] *Revised.* [4] *Planted for all purposes.* [5] *Green-weight.*

es, North Carolina and United States, 1990-1992

PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [1]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [2]		
1990	1991 [3]	1992	1990	1991 [3]	1992	1990	1991 [3]	1992
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousands Dollars*		
1,590	1,645	1,980	2.03	2.10	1.90	3,228	3,455	3,762
2,440	2,200	3,000	1.67	1.50	1.45	4,075	3,300	4,350
345	500	360	2.20	1.95	2.10	759	975	756
22,550	19,200	27,750	3.00	2.85	3.10	67,650	54,720	86,025
72,760	85,500	98,800	2.53	2.63	2.20	184,083	224,865	217,360
1,020	1,440	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
263	640	470	0.690	0.593	0.521	87,106	182,170	117,538
91	229	166	112.00	53.00	92.50	10,192	12,137	15,355
475,600	461,700	397,800	0.349	0.274	0.309	165,984	126,506	122,920
1,840	1,250	1,000	2.18	2.24	2.35	4,011	2,800	2,350
180	180	70	-	-	-	-	-	-
32,400	38,645	36,450	5.68	5.56	5.45	184,032	214,866	198,653
221,540	236,600	207,760	1.682	1.738	1.754	372,630	411,211	364,411
319,950	302,505	296,700	1.692	1.729	1.731	541,355	523,031	513,588
80,150	77,550	73,100	1.633	1.713	1.697	130,885	132,843	124,051
621,640	616,655	577,560	1.681	1.730	1.735	1,044,870	1,067,085	1,002,050
17,999	18,000	17,940	1.743	1.772	1.768	31,372	31,896	31,718
639,639	634,655	595,500	1.683	1.732	1.736	1,076,242	1,098,981	1,033,517
87	120	84	92.00	120.00	124.00	8,004	14,400	10,416
924	1,056	1,150	62.00	61.00	63.00	57,288	64,416	72,450
1,011	1,176	1,234	67.00	67.00	69.00	65,292	78,816	82,866
230,000	260,000	210,000	0.100	0.089	0.090	22,932	23,202	18,900
6,100	11,500	10,600	1.090	0.820	0.900	6,655	9,431	9,545
1.5	2.2	1.3	533.000	611.000	780.000	800	1,344	1,014
10,000	34,000	12,000	0.270	0.176	0.196	2,700	5,986	2,352
100	3,000	700	1.250	0.950	1.100	125	2,850	770
300	2,500	800	1.000	0.850	0.900	300	2,125	720
400	5,500	1,500	1.060	0.905	0.993	425	4,975	1,490
3,240	2,890	3,460	5.55	7.30	4.10	17,982	21,097	14,186
140	154	154	11.70	12.00	11.50	1,638	1,848	1,771
3,380	3,044	3,614	5.75	7.50	4.35	19,620	22,940	15,957
4,930	4,050	4,050	8.40	10.00	9.75	41,412	40,500	39,488
918	928	885	7.00	9.50	8.00	6,426	8,816	7,080
390	232	217	13.00	12.50	12.00	5,070	2,900	2,604
329	342	211	22.50	22.50	20.50	7,403	7,695	4,326
228	238	224	27.00	29.00	28.00	6,156	6,902	6,272
126	121	127	51.00	58.10	57.50	6,426	7,030	7,303
338	294	288	15.20	14.50	13.80	5,138	4,263	3,974
301	272	240	19.00	16.90	20.20	5,719	4,597	4,848
1,568	1,581	1,263	4.75	3.55	3.40	7,448	5,613	4,294
98.15	92.88	80.40	236.00	257.00	213.00	23,163	23,870	17,125
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
422,196	464326	456,348	2.14	2.10	2.05	911,545	996,542	951,256
357,524	243,451	294,604	1.14	1.21	1.30	417,637	309,083	391,193
10,176	9,761	11,952	2.09	2.20	2.35	21,298	21,448	27,922
2,736,428	1,981,139	2,458,830	2.61	3.00	3.25	7,184,427	5,956,642	7,978,911
7,934,028	7,475,480	9,478,914	2.28	2.37	2.05	18,191,643	17,864,204	19,377,525
15,505	17,614	16,260	0.671	0.568	0.536	5,075,826	4,913,244	4,184,246
3,602,770	4,926,570	4,284,390	0.347	0.283	0.300	1,249,635	1,392,296	1,286,288
573,303	584,860	884,010	2.12	2.25	1.90	1,220,501	1,331,302	1,693,146
1,925,947	1,986,539	2,196,504	5.74	5.58	5.40	11,042,010	1,091,996	1,843,207
939,234	911,887	892,458	1.673	1.723	[10]	1,571,141	1,570,961	[10]
597,927	658,181	694,155	1.753	1.788	[10]	1,048,110	1,176,859	[10]
1,626,380	1,664,372	1,683,831	1.738	1.773	1.779	2,827,167	2,951,097	2,996,243
146,820	153,325	149,140	80.60	71.20	72.10	10,462,388	10,006,495	10,505,748
12,594	11,203	11,760	9.70	13.30	13.20	121,962	149,367	154,993

net weight bales. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Utilized production. [9] Includes small quantities for processing. [10] Not Available.

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The 1992 production of **Irish potatoes** in the state totaled 3.6 million cwt., up 19% from 1991. Harvested area, at 18.7 thousand acres, was up 2% from a year earlier. The average yield was 193 cwt. per acre, 28 cwt. above the previous season. Value of production, at $16.0 million, was 30% less than the 1991 crop. An average price of $4.35 per cwt. was realized, compared with $7.50 in 1991.

U.S. production of potatoes in all four seasons totaled 412 million cwt. in 1992, down 1% from 1991 but 2% above 1990. Harvested acreage of 1.30 million acres declined 5% from the previous year. Yields averaged a record high 316 cwt. per acre, up 12 cwt. per acre from last year.

In 1992, North Carolina **peach** producers harvested a total of 12.0 million pounds of peaches, down 65% from the 1991 peach crop. Acres of bearing age trees totaled 2,100 in 1992 compared with 2,200 in 1991. The crop was valued at $2.35 million, 61% less than the previous year's crop. Average price was $.196 per pound compared with $.176 per pound received in 1991.

U.S. peach production in 1992 totaled 2.66 billion pounds of which 2.48 billion pounds were utilized. This was 1% below the previous year's utilized total but 16% more than 1990. The California Clingstone utilized crop totaled 1.12 million pounds, an increase of 15% from 1991 and up 17% from 1990.

The 1992 **pecan** crop in North Carolina is forecast at 1.5 million pounds, down 4 million pounds from 1991. Of the total, 700 thousand pounds were improved varieties and 800 thousand pounds were of the native and seedling varieties. Tar Heel farmers received $.993 per pound for their pecans in 1992, a $.088 per pound increase from 1991. Total value of production for the 1992 pecan crop was $1.49 million compared with $4.98 million in 1991.

The preliminary 1992 estimate for the U.S. pecan crop is 176 million pounds. Production in 1992 is 41% percent below the 1991 crop and 14% less than the 1990 harvest. Improved varieties accounted for 68% of the total crop in 1992 and 55% of the 1991 production.

Commercial **apple** production in the Tar Heel State in 1992 totaled 210 million pounds, down 19% from the previous year's production of 260 million pounds. The crop brought an average price of $.090 per pound, for a total value of production of $18.9 million.

U.S. commercial apple production totaled 10.8 billion pounds in 1992, 9% more than the previous year's crop, and 11% more than the 1990 crop. Of the total production, 10.7 billion pounds were utilized, 9% more than 1991.

Production of **blueberries** in North Carolina in 1992 is estimated at 10.6 million pounds (963,636 equivalent flats). This is down 8% from the 1991 crop of 11.5 million pounds. Area harvested in 1992, at 2,800 acres, is down 100 acres from 1991. The yield per harvested acre averaged 3,790 pounds (345 flats) compared to 3,970 pounds in 1991. N.C. growers received an average price of $1.07 per pound for fresh market sales and $.471 per pound for processing sales. The average price for all sales at $.90 per pound compares with $.82 in 1991. The total value of production for the 1992 crop is $9.5 million compared to $9.4 million in 1991.

Production of grain **sorghum** in North Carolina is estimated at 1.0 million bushels, down 20% from 1991. Area harvested for grain was 20,000 acres, 5,000 less than in 1991. The yield averaged 50 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous year. The crop was valued at $2.35 million, 16% less than the 1991 crop. Average price was $2.35 per bushel compared with $2.24 per bushel received in 1991.

U.S. production of grain sorghum for 1992 is estimated at 884 million bushels, up 1% from the November forecast and 51% higher than the revised 1991 production. Area harvested for grain was 12.2 million acres, off 1% from the last forecast but up 23% from 1991. Both the production and grain acreage levels are the highest since 1986. A new record high grain yield of 72.8 bushels per acre was recorded. This was 1.6 bushels higher than the last forecast and 13.5 bushels better than last season.

Grape production in the state totaled 1,300 tons, down 41% from the 1991 crop. The crop brought $780 per ton, $169 higher than the previous year's crop at $611 per ton. The crop was valued at $1.01 million, down 25% from the 1991 crop.

U.S. production of grapes during 1992 was 6.07 million tons, up 9% from 1991 production.

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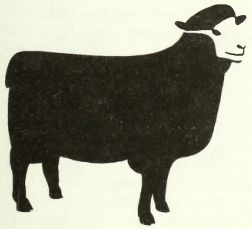
CATTLE INVENTORY UP

All cattle and calves on North Carolina farms on January 1, 1993 are estimated at 1.05 million head, up 5% from a year earlier. The number of beef cows that have calved totaled 444 thousand head, 27 thousand above the previous year. The number of milk cows that have calved totaled 96 thousand head, down 2 thousand from the previous year.

The calf crop for 1992 is estimated at 490 thousand head, up 40 thousand from the 1991 calf crop.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 1993, totaled 100.9 million head, up 1% from the revised 99.6 million on January 1, 1992, and up 2% from 98.9 million two years ago. This is the largest January 1 inventory since January 1, 1987. Beef cows, at 34.0 million, were 1% above January 1, 1992 and 2% above January 1991. Milk cows, at 9.84 million, were 1% below January 1, 1992 and 3% below January 1991.

The 1992 calf crop was estimated at 39.3 million, up 1% from 1991 and up slightly from 1990. The estimated calf crop is down slightly from the expected number published last July. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 73.3% of the annual total.



N.C. SHEEP INVENTORY UP U.S. INVENTORY DOWN

Sheep and lamb inventory numbers on North Carolina farms totaled 20,800 head on January 1, 1993, up 16% from the previous year. The value of all sheep and lambs on hand totaled $1.60 million, up 49% from a year ago. The average value per head was $77.00, up $17.00 from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 1993 totaled 10.2 million head, down 5% from a year earlier. The value of sheep and lambs on hand totaled $716 million, 9% above last year. The average value per head was $70.20, up 15% from a year ago.

CATTLE: NUMBER BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 1992-93

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1993	NORTH CAROLINA 1993 As % Of 1992	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1993	UNITED STATES 1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Cattle and Calves	1,000	1,050	105	99,559	100,892	101
Beef Cows that have Calved	417	444	106	33,775	34,001	101
Milk Cows that have Calved	98	96	98	9,913	9,844	99
Heifers 500 lbs. and over	155	166	107	18,105	19,046	105
Beef Cow Replacement	98	98	100	5,761	6,183	107
Milk Cow Replacement	38	43	113	4,202	4,224	101
Other	19	25	132	8,142	8,639	106
Steers 500 lbs. and over	45	44	98	16,755	17,149	102
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	30	31	103	2,279	2,307	101
Steers, Heifers, and Bulls Under 500 lbs.	255	269	105	18,733	18,546	99
CLASS	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
Calf Crop	450	490	109	39,026	39,335	101

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASS, VALUE PER HEAD, AND TOTAL VALUE, JANUARY 1, 1992-93

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1993	NORTH CAROLINA 1993 As % Of 1992	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1993	UNITED STATES 1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Sheep and Lamb [1]	17.9	20.8	116	10,750	10,191	95
On Feed	-	-	-	1,830	1,894	103
Stock Sheep	17.9	20.8	116	8,920	8,297	93
Lambs						
Ewes	2.0	2.0	100	1,160	1,097	95
Wethers and Rams	2.2	2.3	105	320	300	94
One Year Old and Older						
Ewes	12.6	15.4	122	7,090	6,569	93
Wethers and Rams	1.1	1.1	100	350	331	95
New Crop Lambs [2]	-	-	-	710	704	99
	Dollars			*Dollars*		
All Sheep and Lambs Value Per Head [3]	60	77	128	61.20	70.20	115
	1,000 Dollars			*1,000 Dollars*		
All Sheep and Lambs Total Value [3]	1,074	1,602	149	658,301	715,834	109

[1] *New crop lambs are not included in sheep and lamb inventory estimates in this report.* [2] *Includes all lambs born after September 30th previous year that are on hand January 1st. North Carolina included in U.S. total.* [3] *Based on reporter's estimates of average price per head in their localities.*

U.S. CATFISH SALES UP NORTH CAROLINA DOWN

The value of catfish sales in North Carolina totaled $1.4 million during 1992, down 13% from 1991. North Carolina's 45 commercial catfish producers had sales of 2,127,000 pounds valued at $1,430,000. Sales of foodsize catfish accounted for 92% of total sales, with stockers, fingerlings, and frys accounting for 8%. Eighty five percent of the foodsize fish were sold to processors. On January 1, 1993, water surface acres growing catfish totaled 1,200 compared to 1,300 on July 1, 1992. Inventory of fingerling size and larger fish on hand January 1 totaled 5.7 million fish, down 36% from January 1, 1992.

Catfish growers in the **15 selected States** had sales of $316 million during 1992. These sales were up 11% from the 1991 total sales of $285 million. Sales of stockers totaled $5.13 million, up 40% from the $3.66 million in sales during 1991. Sales of fingerlings and fry totaled $9.83 million, down 36% from the $15.3 million in sales during 1991. Sales of all foodsize fish totaled $300 million, up 14% from last year's total of $264 million. Direct sales to processors accounted for 93% of the total sales of foodsize fish. The total number of operations on January 1, 1993, in the 15 selected States was 1,527, down 12% from the July 1, 1992, total of 1,729.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production totaled 151,860 acres, down 4% from the July 1, 1992, total of 158,540 acres. Of the total acres, 3,480 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 1993, to June 30, 1993. An additional 1,010 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by June 30, 1993. During the period of July 1, 1992, through December 31, 1992, 6,740 acres were taken out of production. As of January 1, 1993, 5,680 acres were being used for broodfish production.

CATFISH VALUE OF SALES

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA		TOTAL 15 SELECTED STATES	
	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993
Number of Operations	52	45	1,729	1,527
ITEM	1991	1992	1991	1992
			Thousand Dollars	
Foodsize Sales	1,370	1,311	263,923	300,055
Stocker Sales	8	23	3,661	5,129
Fingerlings and Fry Sales	248	94	15,291	9,831
Broodfish	10	2	1,867	1,457
Total Catfish Sales	1,636	1,430	284,742	316,472

CATFISH NUMBERS, AVERAGE WEIGHT, AND PRICES

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA		TOTAL 15 SELECTED STATES	
	1991	1992	1991	1992
Foodsize Fish Sold:				
Number Head (000)	1,481	1,508	332,581	370,495
Average lb/Fish	1.44	1.37	1.23	1.33
Average $/Pound	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.61
Stocker Fish Sold:				
Number Head (000)	88	281	24,221	38,929
Average lb/Fish	.09	.07	.18	.14
Average $/Pound	1.00	1.21	.84	.94
Fingerlings and Frys Sold:				
Number Head (000)	4,378	1,348	306,566	268,083
Average $/Pound	2.21	2.61	1.82	1.34

CATFISH INVENTORY - JANUARY 1

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA		TOTAL 15 SELECTED STATES	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
			Thousand Fish	
Broodfish	16	35	1,491	1,164
Large Foodsize [1]	108	96	6,769	6,687
Medium Foodsize [2]	590	800	70,495	61,879
Small Foodsize [3]	1,937	915	166,731	151,618
Large Stockers [4]	1,379	1,100	295,205	273,676
Small Stockers [5]	1,093	225	339,148	295,211
Fingerlings	3,747	2,480	849,012	668,341
Total	8,870	5,651	1,728,851	1,458,576

[1] Over 3 lbs. per fish. [2] 1 1/2 - 3 lbs. [3] 3/4 - 1 1/2 lbs. [4] 180 - 750 lbs./1,000 fish. [5] 60 - 180 lbs./1,000.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN 17% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 3.58 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 4.31 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.66 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 874 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 48.1 million pounds. There were 334 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of December 31, 1992.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 657 million pounds of which 629 million pounds were edible grades and 28.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 147 million pounds; Runners, 430 million pounds; and Spanish, 52.1 million pounds.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The January 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 230% of its 1967 base, was down 4 points from December. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, broilers, turkeys, eggs, and milk. The index was unchanged from a year earlier.

The January 1993 "All Crops" index, at 245, was down 4 points from the previous month and 2 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for January 1993, at 204, was down 3 points from the previous month but 4 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for January 1993, at 243, was up 7 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 177, was down 7 points. The dairy index, at 223, was down 6 points from a month earlier.

DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 261 million eggs during December 1992, up 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 149 million table eggs and 112 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 1% while hatching eggs were up 4% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during December was 13.0 million, up slightly from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 6.0 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.09 billion during December 1992, up 1% from a year ago. Production included 5.27 billion table eggs, 758 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 60.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during December averaged 281 million, up slightly from a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, compared with 2,155 in December 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 1993, totaled 280 million, compared with 281 million a year ago. The 280 million layers consisted of 236 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 41.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1993, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 69.8 eggs per 100 layers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Jan. 15 1991 [1]	Jan. 15 1992 [1]	Dec. 15 1992 [1]	Jan. 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	245	230	234	230
All Crops	258	247	249	245
Tobacco	270	260	269	259
Oil Bearing	278	210	223	240
Grains	185	204	164	167
Commercial Vegetables	202	199	196	200
Fruits	229	344	281	291
Livestock and Livestock Products	221	200	207	204
Meat Animals	269	224	236	243
Poultry	202	177	184	177
Dairy	206	233	229	223
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	264	252	251	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	380	384	[4]	391
Parity Ratio [3]	69	66	[4]	65

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, JANUARY 1993			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	Jan. 1992	Oct. 1992	Jan. 1993
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**222.00**	210.00	193.00	213.00	203.00	201.00
38-42% Protein	**317.00**	316.00	309.00	301.00	303.00	311.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**187.00**	172.00	191.00	179.00	177.00	181.00
18% Protein	**195.00**	186.00	206.00	191.00	186.00	192.00
20% Protein	**195.00**	193.00	[2]	191.00	188.00	193.00
32% Protein	**283.00**	262.00	306.00	285.00	280.00	292.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**266.00**	259.00	283.00	250.00	254.00	261.00
Poultry Feeds						
Broiler Grower	**194.00**	205.00	226.00	205.00	203.00	206.00
Chick Starter	**242.00**	202.00	244.00	227.00	227.00	219.00
Laying Feed	**187.00**	186.00	203.00	202.00	196.00	198.00
Turkey Grower	**236.00**	229.00	252.00	239.00	242.00	243.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	**11.50**	10.40	10.00	10.90	10.70	11.00
Middlings	[3]	[3]	[3]	9.38	8.90	[3]
Corn Meal	**8.00**	8.20	5.80	7.58	7.25	7.09
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**14.00**	12.00	14.60	14.00	14.50	14.70
Soybean Meal 44%	**13.80**	13.10	12.40	13.00	12.90	13.60

[1] Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH. [2] Insufficient data. [3] Survey item discontinued.

EGG PRODUCTION - DECEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**12,951**	**12,991**	**259**	**261**	**151**	**149**	**108**	**112**
Alabama	10,636	10,766	216	220	109	113	107	107
Florida	10,115	9,550	223	221	204	207	19	14
Georgia	18,463	18,582	388	394	260	261	128	133
South Carolina	5,585	5,044	122	111	110	96	12	15
United States	280,028	281,076	6,035	6,088	5,211	5,270	824	818

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in January 1993 was $1.700 per pound, down 6.5 cents from the previous month and .5 cent below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.30 per bushel, were up 4 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $5.56 per bushel, were up 30 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in January, at $41.10 per hundredweight, were up $1.70 from December and $5.00 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 28.5 cents per pound, were down .5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 32.0 cents per pound, were down 8.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 43.7 cents per dozen, were down 1.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.30 per hundredweight, was down 40 cents from a month earlier. Apples, at 20.3 cents per pound, were 1.1 cents above the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Jan. 1992	Dec. 1992	Jan. 1993	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1992	Jan. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.705	1.765	1.700	1.785	1.825	1.795
Corn	Bu.	2.82	2.26	2.30	2.40	1.98	2.02
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.31	1.36	1.39
Soybeans	Bu.	5.58	5.26	5.56	5.54	5.46	5.59
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	.303	.331[4]	-	.271	.312[4]
Hogs, All	Cwt.	36.10	39.40	41.10	36.40	41.80	41.50
Milk Cows	Hd.	1,170.00	-	1,180.00	-	1,090.00	1,130.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.290	.290	.285	.300	.313	.315
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.340	.400	.320	.374	.392	.359
Eggs	Doz.	.412	.449	.437	.486	.555	.539
Milk, All	Cwt.	14.90	14.70	14.30	13.50	12.80	12.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.07	5.01	5.15
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.259	.192	.203	.245	.200	.192
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	68.70	73.80	75.10

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Based on sales during the first half of the month.

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JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 254 million eggs during January 1993, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 139 million table eggs and 115 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 6% while hatching eggs were up 6% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during January was 13.1 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 6.2 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.99 billion during January 1993, up 1% from a year ago. Production included 5.15 billion table eggs, 771 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 61.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The average number of layers during January was 282 million, up 1% from a year ago. January 1993 egg production averaged 2,126 eggs per 100 layers, the same as January 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 1993, totaled 283 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 283 million layers consisted of 237 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 42.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 1993, averaged 67.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 68.0 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,886**	**13,126**	**256**	**254**	**148**	**139**	**108**	**115**
Alabama	10,911	10,896	216	218	107	110	109	108
Florida	10,130	9,723	218	220	200	206	18	14
Georgia	18,593	18,429	378	378	244	241	134	137
South Carolina	5,496	5,166	117	114	104	99	13	15
United States	279,896	281,562	5,952	5,986	5,123	5,154	829	832

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during January 1993 totaled 134 million pounds, down 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 95,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,410 pounds was up 35 pounds from January 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during January totaled 10.8 billion pounds, 1% more than production in these same states in January 1992. December revised production at 10.7 billion pounds was 2% above December 1991. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,315 pounds for January, 24 pounds more than January 1992. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.22 million head, 79,000 head less than January 1992 and 28,000 less than December 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**95**	**1,375**	**1,410**	**135**	**134**	**99**
Florida	180	180	1,345	1,365	242	246	102
Maryland	100	100	1,250	1,210	125	121	97
Virginia	140	134	1,295	1,345	181	180	99
21 STATES	8,298	8,219	1,291	1,315	10,715	10,804	101

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 1993, totaled 33.9 million, down 1% from a year earlier. The 24.7 million poults placed during January 1993 in the United States were down 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago but 3% above December 1992. The cumulative total for the September 1992 through January 1993 period was down 1% from the same period the previous year. The West Division of the United States showed the largest drop in poults placed during January, down 10% from January 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - FEBRUARY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators February 1			Poults Placed During January [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,241**	**11,287**	**100**	**8,797**	**8,700**	**99**
East North Central	5,001	5,061	101	3,784	3,462	91
West North Central	9,557	9,461	99	6,854	6,347	93
South Central	4,168	4,378	105	3,210	3,424	107
West	4,241	3,743	88	3,047	2,747	90
UNITED STATES	34,208	33,930	99	25,692	24,680	96

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 58.7 million broiler chicks during January 1993, up 11% from a year ago.

Nationally, the January 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 588 million, was 2% above January of the previous year. There were 483 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 1993, up 4% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 1993, up 13% from January 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**53,074**	**58,720**	**111**
Alabama	89,403	87,067	97
Arkansas	99,524	100,043	101
Delaware	16,017	15,802	99
Florida	11,665	12,939	111
Georgia	79,132	83,420	105
Maryland	33,610	35,018	104
Mississippi	40,255	42,645	106
Pennsylvania	11,043	11,135	101
South Carolina	8,615	10,656	124
Texas	36,604	35,608	97
Virginia	18,297	18,401	101
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	28,282	29,107	103
Washington & Oregon	5,658	4,739	84
Other States [1]	43,979	42,601	97
UNITED STATES	575,158	587,901	102
15 STATES [2]	525,521	540,561	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

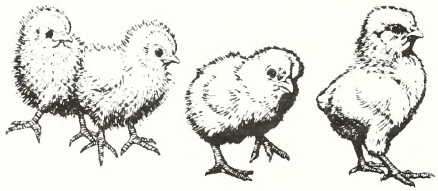
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 33.4 million, up 3% from January 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.4 million on February 1, 1993, up 10% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 193,000 during January 1993, up 7% from the 181,000 total of January 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,043	873	84
Florida	1,354	1,512	112
Georgia	1,555	2,316	149
Indiana	5,963	6,472	109
Iowa	2,141	2,370	111
Kansas	396	300	76
Minnesota	1,611	1,689	105
Missouri	345	481	139
Pennsylvania	3,783	3,239	86
Other States [1]	14,289	14,116	99
UNITED STATES	32,480	33,368	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



HONEY: PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE: 1991-92 [1]

STATE	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks [2]		Average Price Per Pound		Value Of Production	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Thousand Pounds*				*Cents*		*Thous. Dollars*	
North Carolina	**18**	**15**	**58**	**45**	**1,044**	**675**	**167**	**95**	**66**	**78**	**689**	**527**
Alabama	23	25	24	41	552	1,025	66	113	63	61	348	625
California	520	470	63	67	32,760	31,490	3,276	4,094	54	54	17,690	17,005
Florida	225	220	83	104	18,675	22,880	1,307	2,517	53	53	9,898	12,126
Georgia	102	85	42	55	4,284	4,675	129	701	63	66	2,699	3,086
Kentucky	7	4	25	30	175	120	88	54	96	83	168	100
Minnesota	180	190	91	90	16,380	17,100	2,457	3,591	54	55	8,845	9,405
North Dakota	215	240	103	91	22,145	21,840	3,100	2,184	54	53	11,958	11,575
South Carolina	11	11	61	69	671	759	107	99	77	77	517	584
Tennessee	14	7	38	43	532	301	106	66	69	70	367	211
Virginia	16	13	33	38	528	494	58	84	72	74	380	366
United States [3]	3,181	3,030	68.9	72.8	219,171	220,584	36,231	38,933	55.6	55.8	121,859	123,086

[1] For producers with 5 or more colonies. 1991 data revised. [2] Stocks held by producers. [3] U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales. Total may not add due to rounding.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

During the week of January 10-16, 1993, North Carolina farms hired 13,000 workers. This compares to 18,000 during the January 1992 survey week and 22,000 for the October 1992 survey week. The average wage rate for North Carolina was $6.15, up $.11 from January 1992.

There were 2.35 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 10-16, 1993. This compares with 2.45 million people during the January 1992 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.42 million of the total, along with 313,000 unpaid workers, and 611,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.40 per hour during the January 1993 survey week.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 10-16, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Dollars Per Hour													
Appalachian I	5.38	5.66	5.52	5.75	9.07	9.02	[4]	[4]	5.46	5.78	[4]	[4]	6.62	6.77
Appalachian II	5.61	5.64	5.40	5.01	[4]	8.20	[4]	[4]	5.67	5.22	[4]	[4]	5.70	6.61
Southeast	5.43	5.59	5.55	4.77	9.65	[4]	7.71	6.52	5.69	5.23	[4]	5.55	6.64	6.27
U.S. (49 States)	5.99	6.02	5.62	5.64	10.01	9.97	7.39	7.68	5.97	5.99	6.19	5.93	7.07	7.05

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was January 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

WORKERS ON FARMS, JANUARY 10 - 16, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	111	95	74	65	10	5	27	25	18	19	9	6
Appalachian II	169	176	126	134	17	13	26	29	21	22	5	7
Southeast	121	125	69	80	15	12	37	33	33	23	4	10
U.S. (49 states)	2,449	2,348	1,425	1,424	321	313	703	611	558	491	145	120

[1] Survey period in 1992 was January 12 - 18. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 10 - 16, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Applachian I	23.9	23.4	27.7	33.2	33.4	36.5	5.84	6.07
Appalachian II	19.4	19.6	31.0	31.4	36.9	35.3	5.70	5.57
Southeast	27.4	23.5	30.9	28.7	36.9	32.9	6.08	5.63
U.S. (49 States)	29.8	29.3	32.5	32.6	38.5	37.7	6.37	6.40

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was January 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

HONEY PRODUCTION AND PRICE

Commercial honey producers in North Carolina produced 675 thousand pounds of honey in 1992, down 35% from a year earlier. The estimated 15 thousand colonies declined 17% from 1991. Yield per colony, at 45 pounds, decreased 22%. Prices for the 1992 crop averaged 78 cents per pound, up 12 cents from a year earlier. The value of commercial honey production, at $527 thousand, is down 24% from 1991.

Nationally, honey production in 1992 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 221 million pounds, up 1% from 1991. There were 3.03 million colonies producing honey in 1992, compared with 3.18 million in 1991. Yield per colony averaged 72.8 pounds, up 3.9 pounds from the 68.9 pounds in 1991. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 38.9 million pounds on December 15, 1992, up 7% from a year earlier.

Prices for the 1992 crop averaged 55.8 cents per pound, up slightly from the 1991 price of 55.6 cents per pound. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting State average prices by the State quantities sold. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this report. Higher prices received for extra light amber honey resulted in the slightly higher price for all honey in 1992.

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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS - N.C.

MONTH	MILK COWS ON FARMS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1992 As % Of 1991
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
January	101	98	1,380	1,375	139	135	97
February	100	98	1,280	1,315	128	129	101
March	100	98	1,420	1,400	142	137	96
April	100	97	1,390	1,350	139	131	94
May	99	97	1,365	1,340	135	130	96
June	98	96	1,210	1,215	119	117	98
July	97	96	1,200	1,185	116	114	98
August	97	96	1,190	1,210	115	116	101
September	97	96	1,195	1,230	116	118	102
October	98	96	1,270	1,315	124	126	102
November	98	96	1,270	1,310	124	126	102
December	98	96	1,330	1,375	130	132	102
Annual	99	97	15,424	15,577	1,527	1,511	99

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION

Annual milk production in North Carolina during 1992 totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 1% from 1991. The number of milk cows averaged 97,000 during 1992, down 2,000 from 1991. Average milk per cow was 15,577 pounds, up 153 pounds from 1991.

U.S. annual milk production for 1992 totaled 152 billion pounds, up 2% from 1991. The output per cow, at 15,423 pounds, was 556 pounds above 1991. The average number of cows during the year was 9.8 million head, down 2% from 1991.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1985-1992

YEAR	MILK COWS [1]	MILK PER COW [2]	MILK PRODUCTION [2]
	Thousands	*Pounds*	*Million Pounds*
1985	10,981	13,024	143,012
1986	10,773	13,285	143,124
1987	10,327	13,819	142,709
1988	10,262	14,145	145,152
1989	10,126	14,245	144,239
1990	10,127	14,642	148,284
1991 [3]	9,990	14,867	148,525
1992 [3]	9,839	15,423	151,747

[1] Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves. [3] Revised.

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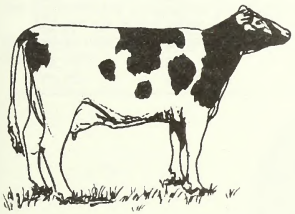
MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during February 1993 totaled 126 million pounds, down 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 96,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,310 pounds was down 5 pounds from February 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during February totaled 10.0 billion pounds, 2% below the production in these same states in February 1992. January 1993 revised production at 10.8 billion pounds was slightly above January 1992. Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,218 pounds for February, 20 pounds less than February 1992. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.20 million head, 74,000 head less than February 1992 and 11,000 less than January 1993.



MILK PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**96**	**1,315**	**1,310**	**129**	**126**	**98**
Florida	182	179	1,260	1,265	229	226	99
Maryland	99	101	1,200	1,140	119	115	97
Virginia	139	133	1,235	1,240	172	165	96
21 STATES	8,278	8,204	1,238	1,218	10,251	9,996	98

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 1993, totaled 34.1 million, down 4% from a year earlier. The 25.3 million poults placed during February 1993 in the United States were down 1% from the placements during the same month a year ago but 2% above January 1993. The cumulative total for the September 1992 through February 1993 period was down 1% from the same period the previous year. The West Division of the United States showed the largest drop in poults placed during February, down 13% from February 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators March 1			Poults Placed During February [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,649**	**11,131**	**96**	**8,448**	**8,349**	**99**
East North Central	4,772	4,868	102	3,353	3,543	106
West North Central	10,711	10,131	95	7,242	7,233	100
South Central	3,916	4,302	110	3,272	3,357	103
West	4,320	3,640	84	3,209	2,794	87
UNITED STATES	35,368	34,072	96	25,524	25,276	99

[1] Excludes exported poults.

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UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN 13% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 3.41 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.90 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.37 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 984 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 52.0 million pounds. There were 340 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of January 31, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 740 million pounds of which 719 million pounds were edible grades and 20.8 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 155 million pounds; Runners, 496 million pounds; and Spanish, 68.6 million pounds.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in February 1993 was $2.38 per bushel, up 5 cents from the previous month but 45 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.35 per bushel, were down 7 cents from the previous month and 36 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in February, at $44.70 per hundredweight, were up $2.50 from January and $4.00 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 29.5 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 33.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 38.6 cents per dozen, were down 5.1 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.20 per hundredweight, was unchanged from a month earlier but 30 cents below a year ago. Apples, at 19.0 cents per pound, were 1.3 cents below the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Feb. 1992	Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	1.700	1.910	1.800	1.885
Corn	Bu.	2.83	2.33	2.38	2.46	2.03	2.02
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.44	1.41	1.40
Soybeans	Bu.	5.71	5.42	5.35	5.59	5.58	5.50
Hogs, All	Cwt.	40.70	42.20	44.70	40.20	41.40	43.60
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.290	.285	.295	.299	.315	.318
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.310	.320	.330	.353	.359	.348
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.339	. 437	.386	.433	.539	.514
Milk, All	Cwt.	14.50	14.20	14.20	12.90	12.50	12.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.08	5.24	5.15
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.216	.203	.190	.248	.192	.178
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	71.10	75.10	77.70

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The February 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 232% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from January 1993. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for corn, hogs, broilers, and turkeys. The index was 2 points above a year earlier.

The February 1993 "All Crops" index, at 245, was unchanged from the previous month but 1 point below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for February 1993, at 209, was up 5 points from the previous month and 8 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for February 1993, at 266, was up 19 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 176, was down 1 point. The dairy index, at 222, was unchanged from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Feb. 15 1991 [1]	Feb. 15 1992 [1]	Jan. 15 1993 [1]	Feb 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	243	230	230	232
All Crops	258	246	245	245
Tobacco	270	260	259	259
Oil Bearing	277	213	237	235
Grains	186	205	169	173
Commercial Vegetables	202	199	200	200
Fruits	229	304	291	279
Livestock and Livestock Products	217	201	204	209
Meat Animals	297	250	247	266
Poultry	181	169	177	176
Dairy	204	226	222	222
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	264	261	254	254
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	391	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	65	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

SPRING IRISH POTATO ACREAGE UP

Commercial growers in North Carolina intend to plant 17,700 acres of spring potatoes this year. Harvested area for 1993 is forecast at 17,400 acres. Both planted and harvested areas are up 100 acres from last year.

Planting of spring potatoes in North Carolina is underway with about 20% in the ground by March 7.

U.S. growers expect to plant an estimated 87,300 acres of spring potatoes this year in the six major States, up 2% from last year. Harvest is expected from 86,000 acres, 4% above a year ago.

Florida's spring potatoes have started to bloom. Harvest in the Hastings area should begin about April 15th. The Texas Rio Grande Valley potatoes are developing on time and look good.

POTATOES

Seasonal Group and State	AREA Planted 1992	AREA Planted Ind. 1993	AREA Harvested 1992	AREA Harvested Ind. 1993	YIELD 1992	PRODUCTION 1991	PRODUCTION 1992
SPRING [1]	*1,000 Acres*				*Cwt.*	*1,000 Cwt.*	
North Carolina	**17.6**	**17.7**	**17.3**	**17.4**	**200**	**2,890**	**3,460**
Alabama	3.6	2.8	3.5	2.7	155	300	543
Arizona	6.4	5.8	6.1	5.8	295	1,770	1,800
California	19.3	19.5	19.3	19.5	375	8,284	7,238
Florida							
Hastings	26.0	28.0	25.0	27.5	240	5,130	6,000
Other	7.1	8.0	7.0	7.8	250	1,470	1,750
Texas	5.3	5.5	4.8	5.3	155	792	744
TOTAL	85.3	87.3	83.0	86.0	259	20,636	21,535

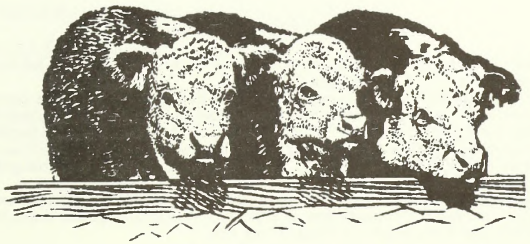
[1] *Yield and production for 1993 to be released April 12,1993.*

CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed February 1, 1993 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 9.07 million head, up 11% from a year ago and up 1% from February 1, 1991. This is the largest February 1 cattle on feed number since 1974.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during January totaled 1.61 million, up 3% from last year but 6% below 1991. Net placements of 1.48 million for January were up 1% from last year but 8% below 1991.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.49 million, down 10% from last year and 9% below two years ago. This is the smallest January marketings since 1976. Other disappearance totaled 130,000 head compared to 99,000 in January 1992 and 118,000 in January 1991.



CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, NOVEMBER 1 TO FEBRUARY 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED 1991	1992	1992/91	1991	1992	1992/91
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	November 1			**December 1**		
Arizona	193	214	111	227	234	103
California	370	430	116	385	430	112
Colorado	905	960	106	925	990	107
Iowa	710	740	104	800	800	100
Kansas	1,720	1,890	110	1,830	1,930	105
Nebraska	1,960	1,990	102	2,100	2,100	100
Texas	2,155	2,360	110	2,210	2,410	109
7 States	8,013	8,584	107	8,477	8,894	105
	1992	1993	1993/92	1992	1993	1993/92
	January 1			**February 1**		
Arizona	217	233	107	213	215	101
California	380	440	116	380	420	111
Colorado	930	1,000	108	885	960	108
Iowa	880	890	101	875	920	105
Kansas	1,820	1,920	105	1,810	1,880	104
Nebraska	1,990	2,130	107	1,950	2,250	115
Texas	2,180	2,460	113	2,090	2,420	116
7 States	8,397	9,073	108	8,203	9,065	111

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1992 RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States during 1992 totaled 41.0 billion pounds, up 4% from 1991. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton slaughter.

Beef production was 23.1 billion pounds, up 1% from 1991. Veal production was 311 million pounds, up 2% from 1991. Pork production was 17.2 billion pounds, up 8% from 1991. Lamb and mutton production totaled 349 million pounds, down 4% from 1991.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 1992 totaled 32.9 million head, up 1% from 1991. Federal inspection comprised 97.6% of the total compared with 97.5% last year. Calf slaughter, at 1.37 million head, was down 5% from the previous year with 97.3% being under federal inspection. Hog kill totaled 94.9 million head, up 8% from 1991 with federal inspection comprising 97.6%. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 5.50 million head, was down 4% from 1991 with federal inspection comprising 96.2%.

Average live weight of cattle slaughtered commercially in 1992 was 1,169 pounds, up 6 pounds from 1991. The calf average live weight was 376 pounds for 1992, an increase of 30 pounds from the previous year. The average live weight for hogs remained the same at 252. Sheep and lambs averaged 125 pounds live weight, up 1 pound from 1991.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION: FEDERALLY INSPECTED, COMMERCIAL AND FARM, BY MONTHS AND TOTAL, UNITED STATES, 1992 [1]

MONTH	BEEF		VEAL		PORK [2]		LAMB AND MUTTON		TOTAL RED MEAT [2]	
	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total
	Million Pounds									
January	1,998	2,039	27	28	1,491	1,525	30	31	3,547	3,623
February	1,671	1,708	24	25	1,300	1,329	27	28	3,022	3,089
March	1,812	1,850	27	27	1,436	1,467	32	32	3,306	3,378
April	1,751	1,787	24	25	1,385	1,414	32	33	3,192	3,259
May	1,867	1,900	24	25	1,261	1,287	24	25	3,176	3,236
June	2,004	2,039	24	25	1,303	1,332	27	27	3,358	3,423
July	1,982	2,015	24	24	1,346	1,375	27	27	3,378	3,442
August	1,944	1,980	23	24	1,348	1,378	24	25	3,340	3,407
September	1,960	1,996	23	23	1,478	1,511	29	30	3,490	3,560
October	1,975	2,015	23	24	1,557	1,588	28	29	3,584	3,656
November	1,745	1,784	23	23	1,423	1,455	26	27	3,216	3,288
December	1,815	1,855	25	26	1,489	1,524	29	29	3,359	3,435
Total Commercial [3]		22,968		300		17,184		344		40,796
Farm		118		11		49		5		183
Total	22,524	23,086	291	311	16,817	17,233	334	349	39,966	40,979

[1] Months may not add to totals due to rounding. [2] Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. [3] Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter.

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1993 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

North Carolina farmers expect to plant more cotton, soybeans, wheat and spring Irish potatoes in 1993. Flue-cured tobacco and sweetpotato acreage remain unchanged from last year, but decreases are expected in acreage of other crops.

Cotton producers expect to plant 390,000 acres, 3% more than 1992 and the second highest since 1964.

Flue-cured tobacco farmers intend to set 261,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 8,500 acres, down 8% from a year ago.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,100,000 acres, down 4% from last year.

Peanut farmers in the State intend to plant 152,000 acres, down 1,000 from 1992.

Soybean prospective plantings are 1,450,000 acres, 4% above 1992.

The **wheat** acreage seeded last fall at 610,000 is 2% above a year ago and is 3% below the December 1 forecast.

Sweetpotato growers intend to plant 31,000 acres, unchanged from 1992.

Hay producers expect to cut 520,000 acres, 2% below 1992.

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1993 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1992	1993 Ind.	Percent Change	1992	1993 Ind.	Percent Change
	1,000 Acres		+ / -	*1,000 Acres*		+ / -
Barley [1]	35	25	-29	7,802	7,661	-2
Oats [1]	90	60	-33	7,961	8,110	+2
Wheat, All [1]	600	610	+2	72,262	72,289	0
Corn, All	1,150	1,100	-4	79,325	76,486	-4
Cotton, All [2]	380	390	+3	13,290	13,427	+1
Peanuts	153	152	-1	1,709	1,684	-1
Sorghum, All	40	25	-37	13,277	11,215	-15
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,450	+4	59,330	59,300	0
Tobacco:						
Type 11 [3]	98	98	0	135	135	0
Type 12 [3]	129	129	0	129	129	0
Type 13 [3]	34	34	0	86	86	0
Type 14 [3]	-	-	-	51.6	49.5	-4
Flue-Cured [3]	261	261	0	401.6	399.5	-1
Type 31 [3]	9.2	8.5	-8	323.8	300.5	-7
All [3]	270.2	269.5	0	776.6	750.7	-3
Hay, All [3]	530	520	-2	59,597	60,268	+1
Potatoes:						
Irish Potatoes (Spring)	17.6	17.7	+1	85.3	87.3	+2
Sweetpotatoes	31	31	0	81.5	81.9	+1

[1] Includes acreage planted in preceding fall. [2] U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima. [3] Data for tobacco and hay represent harvested acres.

GRAIN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	18,500	**24,000**	18,187	**18,134**	36,687	**42,134**
June 1	8,500		10,577		19,077	
September 1	2,700		4,611		7,331	
December 1	38,500		24,145		62,645	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	6,500	**8,000**	10,364	**11,239**	16,864	**19,239**
June 1	2,800		5,742		8,542	
September	1,100		2,122		3,222	
December 1	20,000		11,272		31,272	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	400	**800**	4,385	**5,457**	4,785	**6,257**
June 1	40		2,255		2,295	
September **1**	3,500		12,308		15,808	
December 1	1,700		9,034		10,734	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,610,200	**3,630,000**	1,950,785	**2,048,637**	4,560,985	**5,678,637**
June 1	1,517,500		1,221,051		2,738,551	
September 1	605,500		494,811		1,100,311	
December 1	5,736,900		2,169,463		7,906,363	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	275,550	**378,000**	611,685	**667,494**	887,235	**1,045,494**
June 1	144,605		327,248		471,853	
September	979,400		1,128,219		2,107,619	
December 1	672,000		918,476		1,590,476	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	505,000	**576,900**	672,343	**638,504**	1,177,343	**1,215,404**
June 1	279,000		416,671		695,671	
September 1	105,000		173,437		278,437	
December 1	876,100		959,885		1,835,985	
SORGHUM						
March 1	54,960	**111,320**	196,286	**322,975**	251,246	**434,295**
June 1	34,140		76,247		110,387	
September 1	18,840		34,352		53,192	
December 1	210,650		394,667		605,317	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.*

CORN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS UP

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on March 1, 1993 totaled 42.1 million bushels, 15% more than the same quarter in 1992. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 24.0 million bushels, up 30% from 1992. Off-farm holdings totaled 18.1 million bushels, practically unchanged from a year earlier.

North Carolina soybean stocks in all positions totaled 19.2 million bushels, 14% more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 8.0 million bushels, were up 23% and off-farm stocks increased 8% from a year earlier to 11.2 million bushels.

EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 230 million eggs during February 1993, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 126 million table eggs and 104 million hatching eggs, down 5% but up 4% respectively from 1992. The average number of layers on hand during February was 13.2 million, up 4% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million for table eggs and 6.3 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.42 billion during February 1993, down 3% from a year ago. Production included 4.66 billion table eggs, 704 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during February averaged 282 million, up 1% from a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,924 eggs, compared with 1,991 in February 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 1993, totaled 281 million head, compared with 279 million a year ago. The 281 million layers consisted of 236 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 42.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 1993, averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers compared with 69.3 for March 1, 1992.

HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms March 1, 1993, totaled 4.55 million head, 17% above March 1 of last year. This larger inventory consisted of 17% more market hogs totaling 4,020,000 head. Breeding stock at 530,000 head was up 18% from the previous year. North Carolina ranks 4th nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs for the March 1 inventory.

The State's pig crop during the December 1992 - February 1993 period totaled a record 2,132,000 head, 18% above the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 245,000 sows, which were up 14% from last year. The 8.70 pigs saved per litter compares to last year's 8.40 litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 260,000 sows during the March-May quarter and 265,000 during the June - August period. If these intentions materialize, farrowings for both quarters will be record highs and up 18% from the same periods last year.

Hogs and pigs on farms March 1, 1993, in the **United States** are estimated at 58.3 million, up 4% from a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.43 million head is 4% more than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 50.9 million head, 4% more than last year.

HOGS AND PIGS - MARCH 1, 1993 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1993	NORTH CAROLINA 1993 As % Of 1992	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1993	UNITED STATES 1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS MARCH 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	3,900	4,550	117	56,190	58,340	104
Kept for breeding	450	530	118	7,155	7,430	104
Market	3,450	4,020	117	49,035	50,910	104
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,390	1,630	117	19,045	19,520	102
60-119 Lbs.	800	920	115	11,865	12,245	103
120-179 Lbs.	660	770	117	9,780	10,385	106
180 Lbs. and Over	600	700	117	8,345	8,760	105
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1]-February	215	245	114	2,900	2,931	101
March-May	220	260 [2]	118	3,375	3,408 [2]	101
December [1]-May	435	505 [3]	116	6,275	6,339 [3]	101
June-August	225	265 [2]	118	3,162	3,243 [2]	103
September-November	240	-	-	3,039	-	-
June-November	465	-	-	6,201	-	-
PIG CROP:						
December [1]-February	1,806	2,132	118	23,320	23,890	102
March-May	1,881	-	-	27,257	-	-
December [1]-May	3,687	-	-	50,577	-	-
June-August	1,935	-	-	25,751	-	-
September-November	2,040	-	-	24,458	-	-
June-November	3,975	-	-	50,209	-	-
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [1]-February	8.40	8.70	104	8.04	8.15	101
March-May	8.55	-	-	8.08	-	-
December [1]-May	8.48	-	-	8.06	-	-
June-August	8.60	-	-	8.14	-	-
September-November	8.50	-	-	8.05	-	-
June-November	8.55	-	-	8.10	-	-

[1] December preceding year. [2] Intentions. [3] Actual farrowings for December-February plus intentions for March-May.

The December 1992 through February 1993 pig crop was 23.9 million head, 2% more than last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged a record high for this period—8.15 compared with 8.04 last year.

Producers intend to have 3.41 million sows farrow during the March - May period, an increase of 1% from actual farrowings during the same period in 1992. June through August farrowings are expected to total 3.24 million sows, up 3% from this period last year.

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during February 1993 totaled 78.6 million pounds, up 42% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during February totaled 3.01 billion pounds, 2% below a year earlier.

Beef production, for the U.S. totaled 1.68 billion pounds. This was 2% below a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.47 million, up 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 17 pounds to 1,156. **Veal production**, at 21.0 million pounds, was down 16%. Calf slaughter totaled 98,900 head, down 13%. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 373. **Pork production**, at 1.29 billion pounds, was down 3% from the record high set in February 1992. Hog kill totaled 7.09 million head, down 3% from last year. The average live weight remained the same at 252 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 25.0 million pounds, was down 11% from last year. Slaughter totaled 395,000 head, down 10%. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 129.

EGG PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND 1992	LAYERS ON HAND 1993	TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED 1992	TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED 1993	TABLE EGGS 1992	TABLE EGGS 1993	HATCHING EGGS 1992	HATCHING EGGS 1993
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,758**	**13,234**	**232**	**230**	**132**	**126**	**100**	**104**
Alabama	10,961	11,158	203	198	100	96	103	102
Florida	9,950	9,866	201	196	186	183	15	13
Georgia	18,263	18,551	351	344	225	219	126	125
South Carolina	5,564	5,118	110	101	98	88	12	13
United States	279,227	281,824	5,561	5,421	4,784	4,657	777	764

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CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**10,941**	**11,201**	**102**	**5,139**	**4,840**	**94**
East North Central	4,747	5,644	119	7,816	9,588	123
West North Central	9,624	11,755	122	5,315	6,469	122
South Atlantic	185,404	201,183	109	5,290	5,122	97
South Central	238,993	245,269	103	4,552	4,678	103
West	23,503	21,886	93	4,391	4,918	112
UNITED STATES	473,212	496,938	105	32,503	35,615	110

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 33.7 million, up 5% from February 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.6 million on March 1, 1993, up 10% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 119,000 during February 1993, down 56% from the 273,000 of February 1992.

BROILER HATCH UP

Nationally, the February 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 536 million, was 1% above February of the previous year. There were 497 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 1993, up 5% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 4.55 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 1993, down 3% from February 1992.

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 52.6 million broiler chicks during February 1993, up 11% from a year ago.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1991	1992	1993
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier* [2]		
DOMESTIC							
January	79	181	193	107	2,502	2,483	2,529
February	139	273	119	44	2,553	2,375	2,553
March	279	186			2,666	2,322	2,604
April	231	178			2,519	2,337	2,655
May	250	262			2,485	2,437	2,637
June	179	225			2,394	2,476	2,696
July	213	237			2,476	2,381	2,738
August	226	277			2,406	2,483	2,750
September	186	237			2,378	2,617	2,596
October	255	237			2,440	2,524	
November	210	269			2,498	2,471	
December	134	176			2,546	2,483	
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[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs so during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case eggs. [2] For February 1993, includes pullet chicks placed August 1991 through Ju 1992.

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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS TOTAL $77 MILLION

The equivalent wholesale value of the 28 floriculture crops surveyed in North Carolina totaled $77 million in 1992, up 10% from 1991. A total of 194 growers reported 11.9 million square feet of total covered area and 596 acres of outdoor area in production in 1992. Only growers reporting a gross value of sales of $100,000 or more were surveyed.

BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS had a total wholesale value of $34.0 million, up 15% from 1991. Flats of bedding plants increased 46% in value to $18.6 million. The value of potted bedding plants decreased 16% to $8.9 million and the value of flowering hanging baskets increased 5% to $6.5 million.

CUT FLOWER sales totaled $1.7 million, 35% less than in 1991. Standard chrysanthemums had a wholesale value of $352,000, 24% below the 1991 sales. All other cut flowers had a wholesale value of $1.4 million, up 70%.

FOLIAGE HANGING BASKETS AND POTTED FOLIAGE had an equivalent wholesale value of $9.7 million, up 6% from the previous year. The value of foliage hanging baskets increased 8% to $5.9 million while the net value of sales for potted foliage increased 4% and totaled $3.9 million.

POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS accounted for $31.5 million of the total wholesale value. Poinsettias led this category with $11.9 million generated from 3.9 million pots of all sizes. Potted chrysanthemums sales had an equivalent wholesale value of $5.4 million from 1.6 million pots sold. Potted Easter lilies generated $1.4 million. The remaining value of $12.8 million was derived sales of African violets, finished florist azaleas, other lilies and other flowering plants.

U.S. WHOLESALE VALUE OF SALES UP 3%

U.S. floriculture growers reporting gross value of sales above $100,000 a year realized a 3% increase in their wholesale value of reported crops in 1992. For the 28 states which were included in the 1991 and 1992 surveys, the equivalent value of all sales at wholesale totaled $2.75 billion in 1992, compared with a total of $2.66 billion in 1991.

SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS: Quantity Sold, Intended 1993 and Wholesale Value, North Carolina, 1991 and 1992

CROP	UNIT	Number Sold		Total Quantity		Wholesale Value [1]	
		1991	1992	Intended 1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1991	1992
		Thousands				*1,000 Dollars*	
BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS							
Geraniums	Flats	154	153	116	76	1,249	1,259
Other Flowering and Foliar Types	Flats	1,823	2,468	2,543	103	10,592	16,017
Vegetable Type	Flats	148	193	235	122	875	1,285
Potted Hardy/Garden Mums	Pots	1,888	1,918	1,540	80	2,699	2,808
Potted Geraniums (Cutting)	Pots	1,059	1,124	1,221	109	2,674	2,328
Potted Geraniums (Seed)	Pots	1,282	2,110	2,114	100	2,236	1,506
Potted Vegetable Type	Pots	315	253	273	108	369	343
Other Potted Flowering/Foliar	Pots	1,961	1,420	1,663	117	2,718	1,953
Hanging Baskets, Flowering	Baskets	1,554	1,694	1,915	113	6,232	6,522
Total Bedding/Garden Plants						29,644	34,021
CUT FLOWERS							
Chrysanthemums, Standard	Blooms	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	465	352
All Other Cut Flowers [3]	Blooms	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	800	1,357
Total Cut Flowers						1,265	1,709
FOLIAGE FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE							
Hanging Baskets, Foliage	Baskets	1,259	1,413	1,485	105	5,401	5,850
Potted Foliage [4]						3,762	3,895
Total Foliage						9,163	9,745
POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS							
Chrysanthemums	Pots	1,738	1,636	1,589	97	5,922	5,373
Poinsettias	Pots	3,230	3,882	4,039	104	10,774	11,881
Lilies, Easter	Pots	336	344	330	96	1,381	1,393
Lilies, Other	Pots	25	16	17	106	110	80
African Violets	Pots	2,330	2,668	2,662	100	1,840	2,455
Finished Florist Azaleas	Pots	174	149	171	115	1,235	1,053
Other Flowering Plants (Incl. Cut Cultivated Greens)	Pots	2,694	3,302	3,356	102	8,914	9,247
Total Potted Flowering Plants						30,176	31,482
Total Value Of Reported Crops						70,248	76,957

[1] Equivalent wholesale value of all sales. [2] Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. [3] Includes Sweetheart roses, Hybrid Tea Roses, Pompon Mums, Gladioli, Carnations Standard and other cut flowers. [4] Gross value of sales less cost of plant material purchased from other growers for growing on.

IRISH POTATOES: APRIL 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

Seasonal Group and State	AREA Planted 1992	AREA Planted Ind. 1993	AREA Harvested 1992	AREA Harvested Ind. 1993	YIELD 1992	YIELD Ind. 1993	PRODUCTION 1991	PRODUCTION 1992	PRODUCTION Ind. 1993
SPRING	*1,000 Acres*				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		
North Carolina	**17.6**	**17.6**	**17.3**	**17.3**	**200**	**180**	**2,890**	**3,460**	**3,114**
Alabama	3.6	2.8	3.5	2.7	155	150	300	543	405
Arizona	6.4	5.5	6.1	5.5	295	300	1,770	1,800	1,650
California	19.3	19.5	19.3	19.5	375	370	8,284	7,238	7,215
Florida									
Hastings	26.0	28.0	25.0	26.0	240	195	5,130	6,000	5,070
Other	7.1	8.0	7.0	7.5	250	210	1,470	1,750	1,575
Texas	5.3	5.5	4.8	5.3	155	150	792	744	795
TOTAL	85.3	86.9	83.0	83.8	259	237	20,636	21,535	19,824

SPRING IRISH POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

Spring potato production in North Carolina is forecast at 3.1 million cwt., down 10% from 1992. Acreage for harvest at 17,300 acres, is unchanged from last year. Yields are expected to be below last year by 20 cwt. per acre. Plantings were about 81% completed by April 11 and the crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

U.S. production of spring potatoes is forecast at 19.8 million cwt., down 8% from last year and 4% below the 1991 crop. This is the smallest spring potato crop since 1987. Harvest is expected from 83,800 acres, 1% above a year ago but 4% below two years ago. The average yield is forecast at 237 cwt. per acre, down 22 cwt. from last year but 1 cwt. above 1991.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 3.12 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.37 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.93 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.12 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 70.7 million pounds. There were 298 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of February 28, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 841 million pounds of which 818 million pounds were edible grades and 23.8 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 163 million pounds; Runners, 588 million pounds; and Spanish, 66.7 million pounds.

PEANUTS: FARM MARKETINGS PERCENTS

STATE AND CROP YEAR	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. [1]
	Percent					
1991 CROP						
North Carolina	**-**	**10.6**	**71.5**	**14.1**	**1.8**	**2.0**
Alabama	2.2	60.0	35.6	2.0	0.2	-
Florida	3.7	65.1	29.1	2.0	0.1	-
Georgia	3.3	56.6	36.8	3.1	0.2	-
Texas	2.3	4.6	59.9	24.8	7.9	0.5
Virginia	-	25.3	59.4	11.7	2.3	1.3
United States	2.5	43.1	44.6	7.8	1.6	0.4
1992 CROP						
North Carolina	**-**	**0.1**	**72.3**	**20.3**	**4.4**	**2.9**
Alabama	-	42.4	53.7	3.5	0.4	-
Florida	-	50.8	46.1	2.9	0.2	-
Georgia	-	30.9	57.1	10.9	1.1	-
Texas	0.5	3.9	59.0	28.6	6.7	1.3
Virginia	-	-	70.5	18.8	6.6	4.1
United States	0.1	23.8	58.8	13.9	2.6	0.8

[1] *January of the following year.*

PEANUTS [1]

STATE	AREA PLANTED 1991	AREA PLANTED 1992	AREA HARVESTED 1991	AREA HARVESTED 1992	YIELD 1991	YIELD 1992	PRODUCTION 1991	PRODUCTION 1992	VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1991	VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1992
	1,000 Acres				*Pounds*		*1,000 Pounds*		*1,000 Dollars*	
N.C.	**162.0**	**153.0**	**162.0**	**153.0**	**2,850**	**2,660**	**461,700**	**406,980**	**126,506**	**126,164**
Ala.	278.0	237.0	277.0	236.0	2,305	2,505	638,485	591,180	187,715	180,310
Fla.	126.0	88.0	118.0	80.0	2,370	2,530	279,660	202,400	73,551	57,886
Ga.	900.0	675.0	895.0	673.0	2,490	2,705	2,228,550	1,820,465	630,680	551,601
N.Mex.	22.7	21.1	22.7	21.1	2,250	2,760	51,075	58,236	16,089	18,985
Okla.	110.0	100.0	106.0	98.0	2,300	2,410	243,800	236,180	69,483	76,522
S.C.	14.5	13.5	14.0	13.0	2,400	2,500	33,600	32,500	9,979	9,425
Tex.	330.0	308.0	325.0	305.0	2,100	2,230	682,500	680,150	191,100	182,960
Va.	96.0	94.0	96.0	93.0	3,200	2,755	307,200	256,215	86,938	81,476
U.S.	2,039.2	1,689.6	2,015.7	1,672.1	2,444	2,562	4,926,570	4,284,306	1,392,041	1,285,329

[1] *1992 Revised 4-12-93*

TURKEY HATCHERY - APRIL 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators April 1			Poults Placed During Mar. 1 [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,167**	**11,305**	**101**	**9,424**	**9,211**	**98**
East North Central	5,103	5,173	101	3,858	4,022	104
West North Central	11,323	10,820	96	8,230	7,886	96
South Central	4,109	4,324	105	3,162	3,211	102
West	4,930	3,927	80	2,821	2,973	105
UNITED STATES	36,632	35,549	97	27,495	27,303	99

[1] Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 1993, totaled 35.5 million, down 3% from a year earlier. The 27.3 million poults placed during March 1993 in the United States were down 1% from the placements during the same month a year ago but 8% above February 1993. The cumulative total for the September 1992 through March 1993 period was down 1% from the same period the previous year. The West North Central Division of the United States showed the largest drop in poults placed during March, down 4% from March 1992.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in March 1993 was $2.44 per bushel, up 5 cents from the previous month but 49 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.69 per bushel, were up 18 cents from the previous month but 20 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in March, at $46.80 per hundredweight, were up $1.80 from February and $8.00 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound, were up .5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 34.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 57.0 cents per dozen, were up 18.4 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.50 per hundredweight, was down 40 cents from a month earlier and down 60 cents from a year ago. Apples, at 19.1 cents per pound, were .1 cent above the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Mar. 1992	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All[1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.895	1.865	1.870
Corn	Bu.	2.93	2.39	2.44	2.49	2.00	2.08
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.44	1.42	1.39
Soybeans	Bu.	5.89	5.51	5.69	5.67	5.56	5.59
Hogs, All	Cwt.	38.80	45.00	46.80	39.10	44.20	46.20
Com'l Broilers[1]	Lb.	.290	.295	.300	.297	.318	.324
Turkeys[2]	Lb.	.340	.330	.340	.370	.348	.372
Eggs[2 3]	Doz.	.374	.386	.570	.424	.514	.616
Milk, All	Cwt.	14.10	13.90	13.50	12.50	12.30	12.10
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.67	5.25	5.94
Apples, Com'l.[1]	Lb.	.211	.190	.191	.242	.178	.152
Hay, All[2]	Ton	-	-	-	69.90	77.70	78.90

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The March 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 237% of its 1967 base, was up 5 points from February 1993. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, turkeys, and eggs. The index was 6 points above a year earlier.

The March 1993 "All Crops" index, at 246, was up 1 point from the previous month but 1 point below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for March 1993, at 221, was up 12 points from the previous month and 20 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for March 1993, at 274, was up 7 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 197, was up 21 points. The dairy index, at 211, was down 6 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Mar. 15 1991[1]	Mar. 15 1992[1]	Feb. 15 1993[1]	Mar. 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	248	231	232	237
All Crops	260	247	245	246
Tobacco	270	260	259	259
Oil Bearing	280	217	239	243
Grains	197	212	174	177
Commercial Vegetables	202	199	200	200
Fruits	229	299	279	280
Livestock and Livestock Products	228	201	209	221
Meat Animals	288	244	267	274
Poultry	206	174	176	197
Dairy	201	220	217	211
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	271	261	256	258
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services[2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio[3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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MEAT ANIMALS: INVENTORY, MARKETINGS AND CASH RECEIPTS

SPECIES	INVENTORY [1]		MARKETINGS		CASH RECEIPTS	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	1,000 Head				*Thousand Dollars*	
NORTH CAROLINA						
Hogs	3,650	4,500	5,766	7,022	665,286	729,750
Cattle & Calves	1,000	1,050	364	414	177,673	188,026
Sheep & Lambs	17.9	20.8	8.2	9.1	287	438
UNITED STATES						
Hogs	57,684	59,316	92,351	99,115	11,072,167	10,088,234
Cattle & Calves	99,559	100,892	56,086	55,609	39,745,818	37,862,368
Sheep & Lambs	10,750	10,174	8,343	8,190	399,889	455,832

[1] *End of year.*

NORTH CAROLINA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Inventory Values, 1985-93

YEAR	ALL CATTLE AND CALVES January 1		ALL HOGS AND PIGS December 1		ALL CHICKENS December 1		STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS January 1	
	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value
	Dollars	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*
1985	350.00	411,250	64.50	151,575	2.15	45,688	65.50	550
1986	360.00	396,000	84.00	198,240	1.85	39,886	75.50	755
1987	365.00	346,750	80.00	204,000	1.55	32,457	75.00	975
1988	455.00	375,375	61.50	166,050	3.10	61,241	65.00	845
1989	495.00	420,750	73.00	187,610	2.75	53,955	85.00	1,105
1990	495.00	481,500	75.00	210,000	3.30	63,235	84.00	1,260
1991	570.00	541,500	65.00	237,250	4.00	77,220	64.00	1,088
1992	515.00	515,000	65.00	292,500	3.70	70,300	60.00	1,074
1993	**535.00**	**561,750**	-	-	-	-	**77.00**	**1,602**

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EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 263 million eggs during March 1993, up 4% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 147 million table eggs and 116 million hatching eggs, up 1% and 6% respectively from 1992. The average number of layers on hand during March was 13.3 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million for table eggs and 6.4 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.06 billion during March 1993, up slightly from the 6.05 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.22 billion table eggs, 778 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 67.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during March averaged 282 million, up 1% from a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,153 eggs, compared with 2,165 in March 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 1993, totaled 282 million, up 1% from last year's 279 million layers. The 282 million layers consisted of 236 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 43.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 1993, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 70.4 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**12,975**	**13,291**	**254**	**263**	**145**	**147**	**109**	**116**
Alabama	10,743	10,913	220	213	109	102	111	111
Florida	9,790	9,833	213	222	197	208	16	14
Georgia	17,848	18,653	434	446	424	434	10	12
South Carolina	5,703	4,963	123	109	110	95	13	14
United States	279,380	281,533	6,049	6,061	5,206	5,216	843	845

POULTRY - 1992 PRODUCTION AND VALUE UP

The combined North Carolina value of production from eggs, broilers, turkeys, and the sales from other chickens in 1992 was $1,524 million, up 7% from the $1,419 million in 1991. Of the combined total, 56% was from broilers, 31% from turkeys, 12% from eggs, and 1% from other chickens. In addition, another $84 million came from other poultry items, which stretches the grand total to $1.6 billion.

The combined U. S. value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from other chickens, in 1992, was $15.0 billion, up 2% from $14.7 billion in 1991. Of the combined total, 61% was from broilers, 23% from eggs, 16% from turkeys, and more than one-half of 1% from other chickens.

TURKEYS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1990-92 [1]

YEAR	Number Raised	Pounds Produced [2]	Price Per Pound [3]	Value of Production [4]
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1990	58,000	1,160,000	39.0	452,400
1991	58,000	1,165,800	37.0	431,346
1992	62,000	1,320,600	36.0	475,416

[1] Based on turkeys placed September 1- August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost. [2] Includes home consumption. [3] Live weight equivalent price. [4] Gross income including home consumption.

COMMERCIAL BROILERS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1990-92 [1]

YEAR	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound [2]	Value of Production [3]
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1990	540,300	2,593,440	31.0	803,966
1991	546,800	2,679,320	29.0	777,003
1992	559,300	2,852,430	30.0	855,729

[1] Data are on a December 1 - November 30 production year basis. Includes other meat-type breeds. [2] Live weight equivalent price. [3] Gross income including home consumption.

EGGS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1990-92 [1]

YEAR	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually Per Layer On Farm	Eggs Produced	Average Price Per Dozen	Value of Production [2]
	Thousands	*Number*	*Million*	*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1990	13,041	233	3,033	82.8	209,277
1991	13,091	233	3,045	78.7	199,701
1992	13,014	233	3,026	71.4	180,047

[1] Data are on a December 1 - November 30 production year basis. [2] Gross income including home consumption.

CHICKENS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1990-92 [1]

YEAR	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1990	12,000	87,600	14.2	12,439
1991	11,000	81,400	13.0	10,582
1992	11,300	82,490	16.1	13,281

1 Excludes commercial broilers. Data are on a December 1 - November 30 year basis.

BROILER HATCH UP

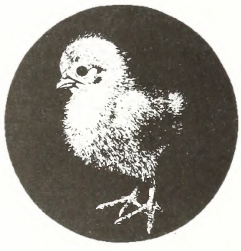
North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 59.9 million broiler-type chicks during March 1993, up 11% from a year ago.

Nationally, the March 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 612 million, was 4% above March of the previous year. There were 495 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 1993, up 3% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 1993, up 8% from March 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - MARCH

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**54,034**	**59,935**	**111**
Alabama	88,873	89,705	101
Arkansas	101,566	102,290	101
Delaware	16,220	16,945	104
Florida	12,641	13,105	104
Georgia	81,348	85,205	105
Maryland	34,067	35,771	105
Mississippi	39,899	44,826	112
Pennsylvania	11,001	10,799	98
South Carolina	8,772	12,718	145
Texas	35,836	36,223	101
Virginia	18,736	19,095	102
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	32,082	31,623	99
Washington & Oregon	5,748	6,189	108
Other States [1]	46,268	47,513	103
UNITED STATES	587,091	611,942	104
15 STATES [2]	535,075	558,240	104

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 37.3 million, up 2% from March 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.9 million on April 1, 1993, up 8% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 268,000 during March 1993, up 44% from the 186,000 of March 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - MARCH

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	940	1,476	157
Florida	1,507	1,542	102
Georgia	2,663	2,567	96
Indiana	6,808	6,739	99
Iowa	2,527	2,370	94
Kansas	385	308	80
Minnesota	2,353	1,818	77
Missouri	871	967	111
Pennsylvania	3,770	3,775	100
Other States 1	14,672	15,718	107
UNITED STATES	36,496	37,280	102

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

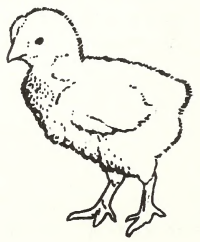
U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1991	1992	1993
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	79	181	193	107	2,502	2,483	2,52
February	139	273	119	44	2,553	2,375	2,55
March	279	186	268	144	2,666	2,322	2,60
April	231	178			2,519	2,337	2,65
May	250	262			2,485	2,437	2,63
June	179	225			2,394	2,476	2,69
July	213	237			2,476	2,381	2,73
August	226	277			2,406	2,483	2,75
September	186	237			2,378	2,617	2,59
October	255	237			2,440	2,524	2,67
November	210	269			2,498	2,471	
December	134	176			2,546	2,483	
ANN.TOT.	2,381	2,738					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs s during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case eggs. [2] For March 1993, includes pullet chicks placed September 1991 throu August 1992.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - APRIL 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**10,497**	**10,699**	**102**	**5,584**	**5,062**	**91**
East North Central	5,362	5,863	109	8,192	9,389	115
West North Central	11,429	12,747	112	5,431	5,750	106
South Atlantic	188,780	198,398	105	5,276	5,794	110
South Central	241,212	245,138	102	3,843	4,572	119
West	21,822	22,640	104	4,002	4,345	109
UNITED STATES	479,102	495,485	103	32,328	34,912	108



MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during March 1993 totaled 135 million pounds, down 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 95,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,425 pounds was up 25 pounds from March 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during March totaled 11.1 billion pounds, slightly below production in these same states in March 1992. February revised production at 10.0 billion pounds was 3% less than February 1992 (which had 29 days).

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,356 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 1992. The number of cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.18 million head, 80,000 below March 1992 and 19,000 below February 1993.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on April 1, 1993, averaged 18.2 pounds per cow, one tenth of a pound more than on April 1, 1992. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on April 1, averaged $7.61 per hundredweight, 15 cents less than April 1, 1992 price.

MILK PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**98**	**95**	**1,400**	**1,425**	**137**	**135**	**99**
Florida	182	179	1,375	1,385	250	248	99
Maryland	98	101	1,285	1,200	126	121	96
Virginia	138	133	1,325	1,360	183	181	99
21 STATES	8,257	8,177	1,344	1,356	11,096	11,089	100

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 2.74 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.79 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.39 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.26 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 90.6 million pounds. There were 184 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of March 31, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 946 million pounds of which 917 million pounds were edible grades and 29.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 179 million pounds; Runners, 665 million pounds; and Spanish, 73.7 million pounds.

MEAT ANIMALS RECEIPTS: NORTH CAROLINA UP U.S. DOWN

Cash receipts from meat animals in North Carolina for 1992 totaled $918 million, up 9% from the $843 million in 1991. Hogs accounted for 79% of the total receipts, cattle and calves nearly 21%, sheep and lambs less than 1%.

Nationally, cash receipts from meat animals totaled $48.4 billion, down 5% from 1991. The percentage breakdown of the total receipts by commodity were: cattle and calves, 78%; hogs, 21%; sheep and lambs, 1%.

MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during March 1993 totaled 91.6 million pounds, up 47% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during March totaled 3.40 billion pounds, 1% above a year earlier.

Beef production, for the U.S. totaled 1.86 billion pounds. This was virtually unchanged from March 1992. Head kill totaled 2.78 million, up 4% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 19 pounds to 1,141. **Veal production**, at 26.0 million pounds, was down 6% from March 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 118,600 head, down 3%. The average live weight decreased 9 pounds to 373. **Pork production**, at 1.48 billion pounds, was up 1% from 1992 and set a new March record high. Hog kill totaled 8.15 million head, up slightly from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 252. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 32.0 million pounds, was down 3% from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 488,800 head, down 2%. The average live weight remained the same at 129 pounds.

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1993 for slaughter market in the 13 States preparing quarterly estimates totaled 10.46 million head, up 8% from a year ago but 3% below April 1, 1991. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves, 9% above a year ago. This group accounts for 65.8% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, 6% above a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 States during January-March 1993 quarter totaled 5.33 million, down 1% from last year and 7% below January-March 1991. Net placements of 4.89 million for January-March were down 2% from last year and 7% below 1991.

Marketing of fed cattle during the January-March 1993 quarter totaled 5.31 million, down 2% from last year and fractionally below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 439,000 head compared to 404,000 in January-March 1992 and 462,000 in January-March 1991.

CATTLE ON FEED [1] - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS

STATE	APR. 1, 1992	JAN. 1, 1993	APRIL 1, 1993	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1992
		1,000 Head		
Arizona	203	233	196	97
California	315	440	375	119
Colorado	910	1,000	910	100
Idaho	260	280	255	98
Illinois	295	330	330	112
Iowa	840	890	920	110
Kansas	1,810	1,920	1,770	98
Minnesota	320	330	325	102
Nebraska	1,960	2,130	2,230	114
Oklahoma	355	345	355	100
S. Dakota	290	340	300	103
Texas	1,970	2,460	2,310	117
Washington	165	186	186	113
13 States	9,693	10,884	10,462	108

[1] *Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.*

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N.C. WHEAT FORECAST DOWN

Winter wheat production in North Carolina is forecast at 24.6 million bushels, down 11% from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 560,000 acres, 5,000 acres more than 1992. The yield per acre is forecast at 44 bushels, 6 bushels less than the previous year. About 60% of the crop has been headed compared with 86% last year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.81 billion bushels, up 13% from 1992. Based on May 1 conditions, yields prospects average 40.8 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 44.3 million acres, up 6% from 1992.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in April 1993 was $2.49 per bushel, up 1 cent from the previous month but 38 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.77 per bushel, were unchanged from both the previous month and a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in April, at $46.50 per hundredweight, were down 80 cents from March but $5.70 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 30.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month. Turkeys, at 36.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 48.9 cents per dozen, were down 8.1 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.50 per hundredweight, was down 10 cents from a month earlier and 30 cents below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Apr. 15 1991[1]	Apr. 15 1992[1]	Apr. 15 1993[1]	Apr. 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	242	229	238	236
All Crops	259	247	247	247
Tobacco	270	260	259	259
Oil Bearing	280	214	244	244
Grains	189	209	181	182
Commercial Vegetables	202	199	200	200
Fruits	229	299	280	280
Livestock and Livestock Products	214	199	222	217
Meat Animals	288	249	275	274
Poultry	181	169	197	190
Dairy	200	215	212	211
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	271	258	259	264
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services[2]	383	387	[4]	399
Parity Ratio[3]	71	67	[4]	66

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The April 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 236% of its 1967 base, was down 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the decrease from a month ago, were lower prices for hogs, eggs, and milk. The index was 7 points above a year earlier.

The April 1993 "All Crops" index, at 247, was unchanged from both the previous month and a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for April 1993, at 217, was down 5 points from the previous month but 18 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for April 1993, at 274, was down 1 point from the previous month. The poultry index, at 190, was down 7 points. The dairy index, at 211, was down 1 point from a month earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Apr. 1992	Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All[1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.620	1.865	1.675
Corn	Bu.	2.87	2.48	2.49	2.48	2.10	2.17
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.46	1.42	1.42
Soybeans	Bu.	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.66	5.65	5.70
Milk Cows	Hd.	1200.00	-	1180.00	1120.00	-	1150.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	40.80	47.30	46.50	41.00	46.80	45.40
Com'l Broilers[1]	Lb.	.280	.300	.300	.297	.324	.332
Turkeys[2]	Lb.	.340	.340	.360	.370	.372	.377
Eggs[2 3]	Doz.	.369	.570	.489	.430	.616	.571
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.80	13.60	13.50	12.60	12.20	12.40
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.20	6.41	7.40
Apples, Com'l.[1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.240	.152	.147
Hay, All[2]	Ton	-	-	-	70.90	78.90	83.80

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Crop, Vegetable, and F

CROPS	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YI
	1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992		1990
NORTH CAROLINA	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*				
FIELD CROPS								
Barley for Grain	35	40	35	30	35	30	Bu.	5
Oats for Grain	80	85	90	40	40	50	Bu.	6
Rye for Grain	100	110	90	15	20	15	Bu.	2
Wheat for Grain	600	550	600	550	480	555	Bu.	4
Corn for Grain [4]	1,200	1,050	1,150	1,070	950	1,040	Bu.	6
Corn for Silage [5]	-	-	-	85	90	100	Ton	12.0
Cotton, Upland [3 6]	201	460	380	200	457	377	Lb.	631
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	.
Peanuts [3]	165.0	162.0	153.0	164.0	162.0	153.0	Lb.	2,900
Sorghum for Grain [4]	65	45	40	40	25	20	Bu.	46.0
Sorghum for Silage [5]	-	-	-	20	15	10	Ton	9.0
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,350	1,400	1,350	1,310	1,350	Bu.	24.0
Tobacco, Type 11 [3]	-	-	-	106.0	104.0	98.0	Lb.	2,090
Type 12 [3]	-	-	-	135.0	129.0	129.0	Lb.	2,370
Type 13 [3]	-	-	-	35.0	33.0	34.0	Lb.	2,290
Total 11-13 [3]	-	-	-	276.0	266.0	261.0	Lb.	2,252
Type 31 [3]	-	-	-	8.2	9.0	9.2	Lb.	2,195
All [3]	-	-	-	284.2	275.0	270.2	Lb.	2,251
HAY CROPS								
Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	30	40	30	Ton	2.90
Other	-	-	-	440	480	500	Ton	2.10
All	-	-	-	470	520	530	Ton	2.15
FRUITS AND NUTS				*Actual Acres*				
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	12,000	11,000	10,900	Lb.	19,200
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	2,900	2,900	2,800	Lb.	2,100
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	600	550	520	Ton	2.5
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	2,500	2,200	2,100	Lb.	4,000
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	.
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	.
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	.
POTATOES	*Actual Acres*			*Actual Acres*				
Irish Potatoes, Spring	16,500	17,300	17,600	16,200	17,000	17,300	Cwt.	200
Summer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	Cwt.	100
All	18,000	18,800	19,100	17,600	18,400	18,700	Cwt.	192
Sweetpotatoes	36,000	31,000	31,000	34,000	30,000	30,000	Cwt.	145
VEGETABLES FRESH MARKET								
Cabbage, All [9]	5,700	6,000	6,100	5,400	5,800	5,900	Cwt.	170
Cucumbers	6,300	6,000	5,900	6,100	5,800	5,700	Cwt.	64
Green Peppers	8,000	8,000	8,200	7,000	7,600	7,800	Cwt.	47
Snap Beans, All	7,000	7,000	7,200	6,700	6,800	7,000	Cwt.	34
Strawberries, All	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,300	Cwt.	60
Sweet Corn	5,500	5,200	4,900	5,200	4,900	4,800	Cwt.	65
Tomatoes	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,600	1,500	Cwt.	215
Watermelons	10,000	11,000	10,900	9,500	10,200	10,100	Cwt.	165
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	25,000	23,300	20,400	24,600	21,400	20,100	Ton	3.99
UNITED STATES	*Thousand Acres*			*Thousand Acres*				
Barley for Grain	8,221	8,941	7,802	7,529	8,413	7,309	Bu.	56.1
Oats for Grain	10,423	8,654	7,961	5,945	4,806	4,492	Bu.	60.1
Rye for Grain	1,625	1,671	1,582	375	396	406	Bu.	27.1
Wheat for Grain, All	77,241	69,921	72,262	69,283	57,703	62,407	Bu.	39.5
Corn for Grain [4]	74,171	75,951	79,325	66,952	68,847	72,144	Bu.	118.5
Cotton, All [3 6]	12,348	14,052	13,240	11,732	12,960	11,143	Lb.	634
Peanuts for Nuts [3]	1,840	2,039	1,690	1,810	2,016	1,672	Lb.	1,991
Sorghum for Grain	10,535	11,064	13,277	9,089	9,870	12,150	Bu.	63.1
Soybeans for Beans	57,795	59,180	59,330	56,512	58,011	58,383	Bu.	34.1
Tobacco, Flue-Cured [3]	-	-	-	416.9	402.6	401.5	Lb.	2,253
Burley [3]	-	-	-	271.2	312.0	332.7	Lb.	2,206
All [3]	-	-	-	733.3	763.7	784.7	Lb.	2,218
Hay, All	-	-	-	61,407	62,475	59,597	Ton	2.39
Sweetpotatoes	94	81	82	90	78	78	Cwt.	141

[1] *Received by Farmers.* [2] *Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.* [3] *Revised.* [4] *Planted for all purposes.* [5] *Green-weigh*

es, North Carolina and United States, 1990-1992

PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [1]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [2]		
1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992 [3]	1990	1991	1992 [3]
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousands Dollars*		
1,590	1,645	1,980	2.03	2.10	2.15	3,228	3,455	4,257
2,440	2,200	3,000	1.67	1.50	1.75	4,075	3,300	5,250
345	500	360	2.20	1.95	2.10	759	975	756
22,550	19,200	27,750	3.00	2.85	3.25	67,650	54,720	90,188
72,760	85,500	98,800	2.53	2.63	2.20	184,083	224,865	217,360
1,020	1,440	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
263	640	468	0.690	0.593	0.574	87,106	182,170	128,943
91	229	171	112.00	53.00	92.00	10,192	12,137	15,732
475,600	461,700	406,980	0.349	0.274	0.310	165,984	126,506	126,164
1,840	1,250	1,000	2.18	2.24	2.13	4,011	2,800	2,130
180	180	70	-	-	-	-	-	-
32,400	38,645	36,450	5.68	5.56	5.40	184,032	214,866	196,830
221,540	236,600	215,110	1.682	1.738	1.753	372,630	411,211	377,088
319,950	302,505	302,505	1.692	1.729	1.731	541,355	523,031	523,636
80,150	77,550	73,950	1.633	1.713	1.698	130,885	132,843	125,567
621,640	616,655	591,565	1.681	1.730	1.735	1,044,870	1,067,085	1,026,291
17,999	18,000	18,308	1.743	1.772	1.759	31,372	31,896	32,204
639,639	634,655	609,873	1.683	1.732	1.736	1,076,242	1,098,981	1,058,495
87	120	84	92.00	120.00	86.00	8,004	14,400	7,224
924	1,056	1,150	62.00	61.00	61.00	57,288	64,416	70,150
1,011	1,176	1,234	67.00	67.00	63.00	65,292	78,816	77,374
230,000	260,000	210,000	0.100	0.089	0.090	22,932	23,202	18,900
6,100	11,500	10,600	1.090	0.820	0.900	6,655	9,431	9,545
1.5	2.2	1.3	533.000	611.000	780.000	800	1,344	1,014
10,000	34,000	12,000	0.270	0.176	0.196	2,700	5,986	2,352
100	3,000	700	1.250	0.950	1.100	125	2,850	770
300	2,500	800	1.000	0.850	0.900	300	2,125	720
400	5,500	1,500	1.060	0.905	0.993	425	4,975	1,490
3,240	2,890	3,460	5.55	7.30	4.10	17,982	21,097	14,186
140	154	154	11.70	12.00	10.20	1,638	1,848	1,571
3,380	3,044	3,614	5.75	7.50	4.35	19,620	22,945	15,757
4,930	4,050	4,050	8.40	10.00	9.75	41,412	40,500	39,488
918	928	885	7.00	9.50	8.00	6,426	8,816	7,080
390	232	217	13.00	12.50	12.00	5,070	2,900	2,604
329	342	211	22.50	22.50	20.50	7,403	7,695	4,326
228	238	224	27.00	29.00	28.00	6,156	6,902	6,272
126	121	127	51.00	58.10	57.50	6,426	7,030	7,303
338	294	288	15.20	14.50	13.80	5,138	4,263	3,974
301	272	240	19.00	16.90	20.20	5,719	4,597	4,848
1,568	1,581	1,263	4.75	3.55	3.40	7,448	5,613	4,294
98.15	92.88	80.40	236.00	257.00	213.00	23,163	23,870	17,125
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
422,196	464,326	456,348	2.14	2.10	2.00	911,545	996,542	944,655
357,524	243,451	294,604	1.14	1.21	1.30	417,637	309,083	395,080
10,176	9,761	11,952	2.09	2.20	2.35	21,298	21,448	28,324
2,736,428	1,981,139	2,458,830	2.61	3.00	3.25	7,184,427	5,956,642	8,002,521
7,934,028	7,475,480	9,478,914	2.28	2.37	2.05	18,191,643	17,864,204	19,631,197
15,505	17,614	16,219	0.671	0.581	0.546	5,075,826	4,913,244	4,247,944
3,602,770	4,926,570	4,284,306	0.347	0.283	0.300	1,249,635	1,392,041	1,285,329
573,303	584,860	884,010	2.12	2.25	1.85	1,220,501	1,331,302	1,672,310
1,925,947	1,986,539	2,196,504	5.74	5.58	5.45	11,042,010	11,091,996	11,943,858
939,234	911,887	906,025	1.673	1.723	1.726	1,571,141	1,570,961	1,563,765
597,927	658,181	719,552	1.753	1.788	1.815	1,048,110	1,176,859	1,306,260
1,626,380	1,664,372	1,721,408	1.738	1.773	1.777	2,827,167	2,951,097	3,058,830
146,820	153,325	149,140	80.60	71.20	73.20	10,462,388	10,006,495	10,570,958
12,594	11,203	11,760	9.70	13.30	13.20	121,962	149,367	154,993

net weight bales. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Utilized production. [9] Includes small quantities for processing.

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HAY STOCKS DOWN

Hay stored on North Carolina farms as of May 1, 1993 totaled 148,000 tons. This is down 30% from the 212,000 tons on hand May 1, 1992.

The U.S. On-farm hay stocks on May 1, 1993 totaled 21.2 million tons, down 26% from last year.

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina cotton growers produced 468,000 bales in 1992, 27% less than the 1991 crop. Area harvested in 1992 totaled 380,000 acres, 17% less than the previous year. The yield of lint per acre averaged 596 pounds, 76 pounds less than a year earlier.

All cotton production in the United States totaled 16.2 million bales in 1992. That output, 8% below 1991 production, becomes the 6th largest production. Upland cotton production, at 15.7 million bales, was 9% below the 1991 level. American-Pima production, totaling 508,300 bales and up 28% from 1991, represents the second largest production on record.

SPRING POTATO FORECAST DOWN

The spring potato crop in the State is forecast at 3.1 million cwt., 10% less than last year's production. The area for harvest is estimated at 17,300 acres, unchanged from 1992. The yield per acre is forecast at 180 cwt., down 20 cwt. from last season.

U.S. spring potato production is forecast at 19.4 million cwt., down 10% from last year.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES, U.S. [1]

YEAR	Winter			Spring			TOTAL
	Hard Red	Soft Red	White	Hard Red	Durum	White	
	1,000 Bushels						
1991	901,781	325,201	145,635	431,223	103,957	73,342	1,981,139
1992	966,078	427,139	213,317	701,994	97,196	53,106	2,458,830
1993	1,117,916	444,155	245,586				

[1] *Wheat class estimates are based on varietal acreage survey data available for all wheat producing states. Unless unusual situations dictate, the previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season.*

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, APRIL 1993			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	Apr. 1992	Jan. 1993	Apr. 1993
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	222.00	211.00	189.00	211.00	201.00	198.00
38-42% Protein	318.00	310.00	302.00	304.00	311.00	305.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	185.00	172.00	178.00	179.00	181.00	179.00
18% Protein	191.00	179.00	187.00	190.00	192.00	184.00
20% Protein	189.00	187.00	193.00	191.00	193.00	187.00
32% Protein	275.00	260.00	301.00	279.00	292.00	285.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	261.00	281.00	280.00	249.00	261.00	261.00
Poultry Feeds						
Broiler Grower	194.00	208.00	229.00	212.00	206.00	209.00
Chick Starter	245.00	211.00	238.00	228.00	219.00	226.00
Laying Feed	183.00	207.00	195.00	200.00	198.00	201.00
Turkey Grower	237.00	234.00	257.00	239.00	243.00	248.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Bran	11.30	10.40	10.00	10.80	11.00	10.90
Corn Meal	8.00	8.40	6.00	7.56	7.09	7.18
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	13.80	11.70	15.00	13.80	14.70	14.60
Soybean Meal 44%	13.40	13.10	12.30	13.00	13.60	13.20

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.* [2] *Survey item added January 1993.*

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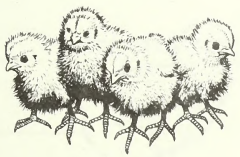
MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during April 1993 totaled 132 million pounds, up 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 95,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,385 pounds was up 35 pounds from April 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during April totaled 11.0 billion pounds, 1% more than production in these same states in April 1992. March revised production at 11.1 billion pounds was slightly below March 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,344 pounds for April, 30 pounds more than April 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.16 million head, 97,000 head less than April 1992 and 20,000 less than March 1993.



MILK PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**97**	**95**	**1,350**	**1,385**	**131**	**132**	**101**
Florida	182	177	1,315	1,320	239	234	98
Maryland	98	100	1,265	1,190	124	119	96
Virginia	137	132	1,275	1,320	175	174	99
21 STATES	8,255	8,158	1,314	1,344	10,850	10,967	101

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**10,894**	**11,003**	**101**	**5,267**	**5,569**	**106**
East North Central	5,598	6,399	114	7,574	9,230	122
West North Central	12,216	12,705	104	5,807	5,675	98
South Atlantic	190,843	204,903	107	5,262	5,852	111
South Central	242,904	250,570	103	4,247	4,215	99
West	22,130	21,808	99	5,476	4,736	86
UNITED STATES	484,585	507,388	105	33,633	35,277	105

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 258 million eggs during April 1993, up 3% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 141 million table eggs and 117 million hatching eggs, down 1% but up 8% respectively from 1992. The average number of layers on hand during April was 13.4 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.8 million for table eggs and 6.6 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.86 billion during April 1993, up fractionally from the 5.84 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.02 billion table eggs, 771 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 65.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during April averaged 281 million, up 1% from a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,082 eggs, compared with 2,099 in April 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 1993, totaled 281 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 281 million layers consisted of 234 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 43.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.02 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of eggs laid per day on May 1, 1993, averaged 68.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 69.5 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**13,133**	**13,414**	**251**	**258**	**143**	**141**	**108**	**117**
Alabama	10,720	10,649	210	202	101	93	109	109
Florida	9,295	9,684	187	206	171	192	16	14
Georgia	17,629	18,418	351	364	220	234	131	130
South Carolina	5,728	4,931	121	105	109	90	12	15
United States	278,084	281,180	5,838	5,855	5,012	5,019	826	836

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1991	1992	1993
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	79	181	193	107	2,502	2,483	2,529
February	139	273	119	44	2,553	2,375	2,553
March	279	186	268	144	2,666	2,322	2,604
April	231	178	251	141	2,519	2,337	2,655
May	250	262			2,485	2,437	2,637
June	179	225			2,394	2,476	2,696
July	213	237			2,476	2,381	2,738
August	226	277			2,406	2,483	2,750
September	186	237			2,378	2,617	2,596
October	255	237			2,440	2,524	2,678
November	210	269			2,498	2,471	2,751
December	134	176			2,546	2,483	
ANN.TOT.	2,381	2,738					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For April 1993, includes pullet chicks placed October 1991 through September 1992.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 56.4 million broiler-type chicks during April 1993, up 6% from a year ago.

Nationally, the April 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 590 million, was 3% above April of the previous year. There were 507 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 1993, up 5% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.53 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 1993, up 1% from April 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**53,235**	**56,405**	**106**
Alabama	86,597	85,427	99
Arkansas	98,168	100,325	102
Delaware	15,724	16,356	104
Florida	12,393	12,543	101
Georgia	79,750	80,367	101
Maryland	34,014	35,991	106
Mississippi	39,713	43,714	110
Pennsylvania	10,424	10,408	100
South Carolina	9,620	12,836	133
Texas	34,344	34,793	101
Virginia	17,937	17,917	100
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	29,134	30,353	104
Washington & Oregon	5,941	6,264	105
Other States [1]	46,536	46,709	100
UNITED STATES	573,530	590,408	103
15 STATES [2]	521,053	537,435	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

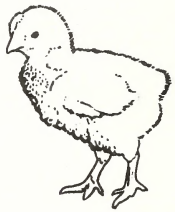
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during Ap totaled 37.2 million, up 4% from April 1992. E in incubators totaled 35.3 million on May 1, 19 up 5% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders tota 251,000 during April 1993, up 41% from the 178,(of April 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As Of 199
	Thousands		*Percen*
Arkansas	566	1,129	199
Florida	1,352	1,699	126
Georgia	2,205	2,702	123
Indiana	5,920	6,786	115
Iowa	2,695	2,887	107
Kansas	352	380	108
Minnesota	2,096	1,839	88
Missouri	707	750	106
Pennsylvania	4,364	4,018	92
Other States [1]	15,517	15,051	97
UNITED STATES	35,774	37,241	104

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data individual operations.



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FO HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 As % Of	CUM. PLAC. RELATT TO CUR. SUPPLY FLO		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1991	1992	19
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-14 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	4,594	4,995	5,664	113	37,096	39,950	40
February	4,929	4,674	4,549	97	37,526	39,903	40
March	4,951	5,234	5,678	108	37,708	40,103	40
April	5,556	5,492	5,531	101	38,011	40,588	41
May	5,614	4,831			38,551	40,590	41
June	4,852	5,170			38,341	40,453	41
July	4,667	5,431			38,489	39,889	40
August	4,940	5,081			37,994	39,270	41
September	5,079	5,220			37,789	39,092	41
October	4,931	5,407			38,302	39,659	41
November	4,814	4,726			39,254	40,211	41
December	4,992	5,005			39,978	39,963	
ANN.TOT.	59,919	61,266					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen of eggs. [2] For April 1993, includes pullet chicks placed February 1992 thr September 1992.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

During the week of April 11 - 17, 1993, North Carolina farms hired 25,000 workers. This compares to 36,000 for the April 1992 week and 13,000 for the January 1993 survey week. The average wage rate for North Carolina was $5.77, up $.48 from April 1992.

There were 2.88 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 11 - 17, 1993. This compares with 2.87 million people during the April 1992 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.47 million of the total, along with 364,000 unpaid workers and 828,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.37 per hour during the April 1993 survey week.

WORKERS ON FARMS, APRIL 11 - 17, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [1]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers [2]		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**141**	**112**	**78**	**65**	**16**	**11**	**47**	**36**	**28**	**25**	**19**	**11**
Appalachian II	187	197	129	145	25	22	33	30	19	20	14	10
Southeast	136	122	69	69	20	14	47	39	34	28	13	11
U.S. (49 states)	2,669	2,660	1,438	1,468	394	364	837	828	634	658	203	170

[1] Survey period in 1992 was April 12 - 18. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], APRIL 11 - 17, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Dollars Per Hour								*Dollars Per Hour*					
Appalachian I	**4.77**	**5.26**	**5.55**	**5.59**	**9.85**	**8.03**	**6.54**	[4]	**5.16**	**5.37**	[4]	[4]	**5.78**	**6.95**
Appalachian II	4.90	5.99	5.21	4.97	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]	4.98	5.84	[4]	[4]	5.49	[4]
Southeast	4.53	5.54	5.42	5.07	10.07	[4]	8.48	[4]	4.94	5.75	[4]	[4]	5.88	5.60
U.S. (49 States)	5.68	6.04	5.52	5.65	9.83	9.36	7.36	7.68	5.75	6.10	6.52	6.40	6.66	6.97

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was April 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], APRIL 11 - 17, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS[2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Applachian I	**31.5**	**29.9**	**34.1**	**33.0**	**38.5**	**37.0**	**5.34**	**5.88**
Appalachian II	24.7	23.0	28.2	28.6	35.3	32.9	5.11	5.93
Southeast	33.2	32.2	36.8	35.0	38.8	35.3	5.22	5.70
U.S. (49 States)	36.5	34.5	34.5	33.8	39.6	39.3	6.05	6.37

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was April 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat slaughter in North Carolina during April 1993 totaled 94.2 million pounds, up 52% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during April totaled 3.30 billion pounds, 1% above a year earlier.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.78 billion pounds. This was virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.68 million, up 4%. The average live weight decreased 29 pounds to 1,125. **Veal production**, at 22.0 million pounds, was down 13%. Calf slaughter totaled 98,100 head, down 11%. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 386. **Pork production**, at 1.47 billion pounds, was up 4% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.00 million head, up 3% from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 254. **Lamb and mutton** production, at 30.0 million pounds, was down 8% from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 481,600 head, down 8%. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 126.

TURKEY PLACEMENTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 1993, totaled 35.7 million, down 4% from a year earlier. The 27.9 million poults placed during April 1993 in the United States were up fractionally from the placements during the same month a year ago and 2% above March 1993. The cumulative total from September 1992 through April 1993 was down 1% compared to the same period last year. The West Division of the United States showed the largest increase in poults placed during April, up 6% from April 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators May 1			Poults Placed During April [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,870**	**11,413**	**96**	**8,820**	**8,884**	**101**
East North Central	5,220	4,744	91	3,781	3,936	104
West North Central	11,286	10,373	92	8,815	8,310	94
South Central	4,117	4,551	111	3,146	3,286	104
West	4,777	4,614	97	3,262	3,442	106
UNITED STATES	37,270	35,695	96	27,824	27,858	100

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

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N.C. WHEAT FORECAST 11% BELOW A YEAR AGO

Winter wheat production in North Carolina is forecast at 24.6 million bushels, unchanged from the forecast a month earlier but down 11% from last year's production. Harvest is underway with 3% of the crop harvested by June 6. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 560,000 acres, up 1% from 1992. Yield per acre is forecast at 44 bushels, unchanged from a month earlier but down 6 bushels from last year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels as of June 1, 1993. This is up 1% from the May 1 forecast and up 14% from the 1992 crop. Area for grain harvest is unchanged from May 1 at 44.3 million acres. Yields are expected to average 41.2 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushels from May 1 and 2.9 bushels per acre higher than last year. If realized, this yield will be second only to the 1983 record high 41.8 bushels per acre. Overall, crop development trails average progress but condition is generally good.

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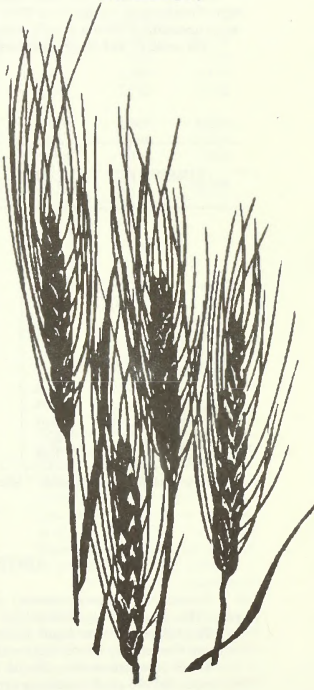
WINTER WHEAT - Acreage, Yield and Production, 1991 - 1993

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1992	Ind. 1993	1992	Ind. 1993	1991	1992	Ind. 1993
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*			*1,000 Bushels*	
N.C.	**555**	**560**	**50.0**	**44.0**	**19,200**	**27,750**	**24,640**
Ala.	95	100	44.0	37.0	2,750	4,180	3,700
Ariz. [1]	44	40	90.0	94.0	3,045	3,960	3,760
Ark.	850	1,000	46.0	38.0	20,460	39,100	38,000
Calif.	550	550	75.0	80.0	32,800	41,250	44,000
Colo.	2,300	2,450	30.0	37.0	71,300	6,9000	90,650
Del. [1]	70	60	58.0	54.0	3,551	4,060	3,240
Fla. [1]	20	30	42.0	37.0	575	840	1,110
Ga.	350	340	46.0	38.0	14,025	16,100	12,920
Idaho	800	850	65.0	69.0	49,000	52,000	58,650
Ill.	1,150	1,550	54.0	55.0	44,800	62,100	85,250
Ind.	450	630	50.0	55.0	28,800	22,500	34,650
Iowa [1]	40	50	39.0	45.0	1,700	1,560	2,250
Kans.	10,700	11,200	34.0	40.0	363,000	363,800	448,000
Ky.	420	500	55.0	48.0	10,800	23,100	24,000
La. [1]	170	110	36.0	30.0	3,800	6,120	3,300
Md. [1]	220	195	58.0	51.0	9,750	12,760	9,945
Mich.	630	570	56.0	50.0	24,080	35,280	28,500
Minn. [1]	45	40	42.0	40.0	1,980	1,890	1,600
Miss.	250	210	42.0	35.0	4,500	10,500	7,350
Mo.	1,350	1,350	48.0	41.0	48,000	64,800	55,350
Mont.	2,100	2,500	29.0	36.0	72,000	60,900	90,000
Nebr.	1,850	2,050	30.0	37.0	67,200	55,500	75,850
Nev. [1]	5	4	85.0	86.0	360	425	344
N.J. [1]	28	31	50.0	48.0	1,196	1,400	1,488
N. Mex. [1]	330	290	34.0	25.0	8,000	11,220	7,250
N.Y. [1]	110	90	56.0	48.0	5,390	6,160	4,320
N. Dak. [1]	170	135	35.0	35.0	2,970	5,950	4,725
Ohio	1,115	1,050	53.0	53.0	52,920	59,095	55,650
Okla.	5,900	5,800	29.0	31.0	140,000	171,100	179,800
Oreg.	825	855	52.0	62.0	41,600	42,900	53,010
Pa. [1]	185	165	55.0	50.0	7,700	10,175	8,250
S.C.	275	270	47.0	35.0	8,525	12,925	9,450
S. Dak.	1,200	1,400	28.0	35.0	45,500	33,600	49,000
Tenn.	280	350	48.0	39.0	7,680	13,440	13,650
Tex.	3,800	3,900	34.0	32.0	84,000	129,200	124,800
Utah [1]	130	150	40.0	44.0	4,680	5,200	6,600
Va. [1]	265	255	57.0	53.0	12,250	15,105	13,515
Wash.	2,000	2,300	51.0	58.0	40,600	102,000	133,400
W. Va. [1]	11	12	49.0	45.0	450	539	540
Wis. [1]	45	110	40.0	51.0	5,880	1,800	5,610
Wyo. [1]	210	205	25.0	29.0	5,800	5,250	5,945
U.S.	41,893	44,307	38.3	41.2	1,372,617	1,606,534	1,824,062

[1] *Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.*



NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The May 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 238% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for corn, hogs, broilers, and milk. The index was 6 points above a year earlier.

The May 1993 "All Crops" index, at 247, was unchanged from both the previous month and a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for May 1993, at 221, was up 4 points from the previous month and 17 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for May 1993, at 280, was up 7 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 193, was up 3 points. The dairy index, at 215, was up 4 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	May 15 1991[1]	May 15 1992[1]	Apr. 15 1993[1]	May 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	244	232	236	238
All Crops	260	247	247	247
Tobacco	270	260	259	259
Oil Bearing	279	217	246	246
Grains	198	212	180	181
Commercial Vegetables	202	199	200	200
Fruits	229	299	280	280
Livestock and Livestock Products	217	204	217	221
Meat Animals	299	262	273	280
Poultry	181	170	190	193
Dairy	204	217	211	215
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	278	258	268	266
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	399	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	67	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in May 1993 was $2.48 per bushel, up 2 cents from the previous month but 44 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.82 per bushel, were down 2 cents from the previous month and 8 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in May, at $47.70 per hundredweight, were up $1.70 from April and $3.00 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 33.0 cents per pound, were up 3.0 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 36.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 39.1 cents per dozen, were down 9.8 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $13.80 per hundredweight, was up 30 cents from a month earlier but 10 cents below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		May 1992	Apr. 1993	May 1993	May 1992	Apr. 1993	May 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.92	2.46	2.48	2.49	2.16	2.15
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.43	1.44	1.42
Soybeans	Bu.	5.90	5.84	5.82	5.87	5.73	5.79
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.70	46.00	47.70	45.10	45.50	46.80
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.295	.300	.330	.326	.332	.357
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.360	.360	.360	.377	.377	.384
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.308	.489	.391	.385	.571	.486
Milk, All	Cwt.	13.90	13.50	13.80	12.80	12.60	12.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.43	7.47	8.29
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.249	.147	.153
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	74.70	83.80	86.30

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 2% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 2.28 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.23 billion pounds last year. This total includes 894 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.29 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 100 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of April 30, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 968 million pounds of which 921 million pounds were edible grades and 47.3 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 170 million pounds: Runners, 665 million pounds; and Spanish, 85.6 million pounds.

Stocks of treated seed on hand April 30 totaled 33.6 million pounds, compared with 19.5 million pounds on March 31, 1993. Of the April total, 6.48 million pounds were Virginias and Valencias, 25.5 million pound were Runners, and 1.58 million pounds were Spanish. March stocks of treated seed included 7.01 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 12.5 million pounds of Runners, and 19,000 pounds of Spanish.

N.C. PEACH CROP LARGEST SINCE 1984

Peach production in the State is forecast at 40 million pounds, more than triple the freeze reduced crop of 1992. This year's crop is the largest crop since 1984 when 43 million pounds were produced. Some localized hail damage occurred during the first week of June.

The first U.S. peach forecast for 1993 is 2.87 billion pounds, 8% more than 1992 and 7% above 1991. Production of the peach crop, excluding California's Clingstone crop which is mostly canned, is forecast at 1.73 billion pounds, 17% more than 1992 and 4% more than 1991. Production of California Clingstone peaches is expected to total 1.14 billion pounds, down 4% from last year but 11% more than 1991.

Harvest of California's Freestone crop was delayed by rainfall in the northern and central parts of the State. Springcrest and Spring Lady are the major varieties being picked. Some reports of brown rot in early varieties have surfaced. Fruit set for California's Clingstone crop appears to be lighter than last year. Sizing is good at this time with thinning now progressing.

South Carolina producers expect good quality and production. There was some freeze damage in March in the upper part of the State. Some orchards were damaged by hail in April and there are a few reports of powdery mildew. Overall, the crop looks good and growers are optimistic.

Cold temperatures and snow in mid-March damaged peaches in south Georgia but only early varieties were hurt by the cold in the major growing area of northern Georgia. Other varieties are in full production, but dry weather in May is causing sizing problems. Harvest is much later than normal, with only 9% harvested compared with 21% for a five-year average.

Most of the rest of the country escaped winterkill and spring freezes this year. The crop is later than normal in much of the northern part of the country.

PEACHES, JUNE 1 FORECAST, NINE STATES

STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
	- Million Pounds -		
North Carolina	**35.0**	**12.0**	**40.0**
Alabama	16.0	13.0	17.0
Arkansas	12.0	12.0	22.0
Georgia	150.0	130.0	145.0
Louisiana	5.0	4.0	3.5
South Carolina	310.0	170.0	360.0
Texas	32.0	27.0	25.0
Virginia	26.0	25.0	27.0
West Virginia	18.0	20.0	20.0
9 STATES	604.0	413.0	659.5
U.S. [2]	1,656.0	1,475.5	1,729.1
U.S. [3]	2,686.0	2,658.5	2,869.1

[1] Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold. [2] Excluding CA clingstone. [3] Including CA clingstone.

N.C. IRISH POTATO FORECAST 10% BELOW 1992

Spring Irish potato production for 1993 is forecast at 3.1 million cwt. in North Carolina, unchanged from the previous forecast but 10% less than last year's production. The area for harvest, at 17,300 acres, is unchanged from 1992. Yield per acre is forecast at 180 cwt., down 20 cwt. from last season.

U.S. production of spring potatoes is forecast at 19.6 million cwt., down 9% from last year and 5% below the 1991 crop. Area for harvest is estimated at 83,800 acres, up 1% from a year ago but 4% below two years ago. The average yield, at 234 cwt. per acre, fell 25 cwt. from last year and 2 cwt. below 1991.

SPRING IRISH POTATOES, JUNE 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1991	1992	1993
	1,000 Acres		*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		
North Carolina	**17.3**	**17.3**	**200**	**180**	**2,890**	**3,460**	**3,114**
Alabama	3.5	2.7	155	155	300	543	419
Arizona	6.1	5.5	295	290	1,770	1,800	1,595
California	19.3	19.5	375	375	8,284	7,238	7,313
Florida							
Hastings	25.0	26.0	240	180	5,130	6,000	4,680
Other	7.0	7.5	250	185	1,470	1,750	1,388
Texas	4.8	5.3	155	200	792	744	1,060
TOTAL	83.0	83.8	259	234	20,636	21,535	19,569

SWEETPOTATOES: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1991-92, Revised

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*	
N.C.	**31.0**	**36.0**	**30.0**	**35.0**	**135**	**120**	**4,050**	**4,200**
Ala.	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.9	145	165	682	809
Calif.	8.2	9.0	8.2	9.0	185	205	1,517	1,845
Ga.	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.2	155	180	589	576
La.	17.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	150	170	2,400	2,720
Md.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	120	80	36	24
Miss.	4.0	4.5	3.5	4.0	140	130	490	520
N.J.	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	120	130	228	247
S.C.	3.1	2.2	2.9	2.0	95	105	276	210
Tex.	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.5	140	140	770	770
Va.	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.6	165	140	165	84
U.S.	81.2	85.9	77.8	82.4	144	146	11,203	12,005

1992 SWEETPOTATO REVISIONS

The final estimate of 1992 sweetpotatoes in North Carolina places production at 4.20 million cwt. This is 4% above the 1991 production of 4.05 million cwt. but 15% below the 1990 production of 4.93 million cwt. The Tar Heel State's 1992 production accounted for 35% of the U.S. total.

The U.S. final estimate of sweetpotato production for 1992 was 12.0 million cwt., 7% above 1991 but 5% below 1990. Harvest came from 82,400 acres, up 6% from a year earlier but 8% below two years ago. The average yield was 146 cwt. per acre, up 2 cwt. from 1991 and 5 cwt. above two years earlier.

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed May 1, 1993 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 8.35 million head, up 7% from a year ago but down 3% from May 1, 1991.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during April totaled 1.32 million, down 8% from both last year and two years ago. These are the lowest April placements since 1980. Net placements of 1.19 million for April were also down 8% from last year and two years ago.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.55 million, up 4% from last year but down 6% from two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 126,000 head compared to 125,000 in April 1992 and 128,000 in April 1991.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1 TO MAY 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1992	1993	1993/92	1992	1993	1993/92
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	February 1			**March 1**		
Arizona	213	215	101	205	201	98
California	380	420	111	360	405	113
Colorado	885	950	107	880	900	102
Iowa	875	920	105	880	910	103
Kansas	1,810	1,880	104	1,810	1,800	99
Nebraska	1,950	2,250	115	2,000	2,210	111
Texas	2,090	2,420	116	2,020	2,340	116
7 STATES	8,203	9,055	110	8,155	8,766	107
	1992	1993	1993/92	1992	1993	1993/92
	April 1			**May 1**		
Arizona	203	196	97	198	184	93
California	315	375	119	300	355	118
Colorado	910	910	100	880	880	100
Iowa	840	920	110	810	890	110
Kansas	1,810	1,770	98	1,770	1,700	96
Nebraska	1,960	2,230	114	1,930	2,170	112
Texas	1,970	2,310	117	1,930	2,170	112
7 STATES	8,008	8,711	109	7,818	8,349	107

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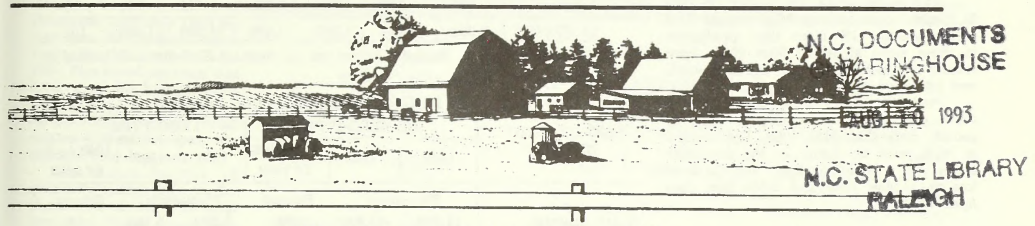

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1993 Crop Acreage Mostly Down From 1992

North Carolina farmers planted less acres in 1993 for most crops. Flue-cured tobacco and soybean acreage remain unchanged from last year while cotton increased.

Flue-cured tobacco farmers set 261,000 acres, unchanged from 1992.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 8,500 acres, down 8% from a year ago.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,100,000 acres, down 4% from last year.

Soybean plantings are forecast at 1,400,000 acres on June 1 when the wheat harvest was just beginning and the soil moisture was mostly adequate. In 1992, 1,400,000 acres were also planted.

Cotton producers planted 390,000 acres, 3% more than 1992, 15% less than 1991 and the second highest since 1964.

Peanut farmers in the State planted 152,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 1992.

The **wheat** acreage seeded last fall at 610,000 is 2% above a year ago and is unchanged from the March 1 forecast.

Sweetpotato growers intend to plant 35,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 1992.

Hay producers expect to cut 540,000 acres, 2% above 1992.

1993 CROP ACREAGES

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	1992	1993 Ind.	Percent Change	1992	1993 Ind.	Percent Change
	1,000 Acres		+ / -	*1,000 Acres*		+ / -
Barley [1]	35	25	-29	7,802	7,941	+2
Oats [1]	90	60	-33	7,961	8,064	+1
Wheat, All [1]	600	610	+2	72,262	72,137	0
Corn, All	1,150	1,100	-4	79,325	74,259	-6
Cotton, All [2]	380	390	+3	13,240	13,650	+3
Peanuts	153	152	-1	1,690	1,677	-1
Sorghum, All	40	25	-37	13,277	10,995	-17
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,400	0	59,330	61,575	+4
Tobacco:						
Type 11 [3]	98	98	0	135	135	0
Type 12 [3]	129	129	0	129	129	0
Type 13 [3]	34	34	0	86	86	0
Type 14 [3]	-	-	-	51.5	49.5	-4
Flue-Cured [3]	261	261	0	401.5	399.5	-1
Type 31 [3]	9.2	8.5	-8	332.7	298.0	-10
All [3]	270.2	269.5	0	784.7	745.7	-5
Hay, All [3]	530	540	+2	59,597	60,165	+1
Potatoes:						
Irish Potatoes						
Spring	17.6	17.6	0	85.3	86.9	+2
Summer	1.5	1.3	-13	88.7	92.1	+4
Sweetpotatoes	36	35	-3	85.9	84.3	-2

[1] Acreage planted in preceding fall. [2] US includes Upland and American-Pima. [3] Harvested acres.

MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during May 1993 totaled 133 million pounds, up 2% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 95,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,395 pounds was up 55 pounds from May 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during May totaled 11.4 billion pounds, 1% more than production in these same states in May 1992. April revised production at 11.0 billion pounds was 1% above April 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,400 pounds for May, 33 pounds more than May 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.14 million head, 106,000 head less than May 1992 and 9,000 less than April 1993.

MILK PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**97**	**95**	**1,340**	**1,395**	**130**	**133**	**102**
Florida	182	177	1,320	1,315	240	233	97
Maryland	98	100	1,295	1,250	127	125	98
Virginia	137	132	1,285	1,320	176	174	99
21 STATES	8,250	8,144	1,367	1,400	11,280	11,404	101

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	**11,599**	**11,499**	**99**	**5,604**	**5,164**	**92**
East North Central	6,332	6,595	104	7,420	8,273	111
West North Central	11,865	12,283	104	5,316	5,030	95
South Atlantic	191,524	206,739	108	4,817	5,003	104
South Central	245,222	256,580	105	3,880	4,100	106
West	23,585	21,987	93	4,480	4,058	91
UNITED STATES	490,127	515,683	105	31,517	32,628	104

MAY EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 266 million eggs during May 1993, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 143 million table eggs and 123 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 3% while hatching eggs were up 8% from 1992. The average number of layers on hand during May was 13.6 million up 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 6.7 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.00 billion during May 1993, up 1% from a year ago. Production included 5.12 billion table eggs, 817 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 64.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during May averaged 280 million, up 1% from a year ago. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,139 eggs, compared with 2,142 in May 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 1993, totaled 280 million head, compared with 276 million a year ago. The 280 million layers consisted of 234 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 43.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.00 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of eggs laid per day on June 1, 1993, averaged 69.1 eggs per 100 layers compared with 68.6 for June 1, 1992.

EGG PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,141**	**13,561**	**261**	**266**	**147**	**143**	**114**	**123**
Alabama	10,755	10,835	213	217	99	100	114	117
Florida	8,900	9,557	177	203	161	188	16	15
Georgia	17,341	18,086	347	365	211	225	136	140
South Carolina	5,676	4,906	126	108	112	92	14	16
United States	276,285	280,415	5,919	5,998	5,056	5,117	863	881

TURKEY PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 1993, totaled 36.2 million, down 2% from a year earlier. The 27.1 million poults placed during May 1993 in the United States were down 5% from the placements during the same month a year ago and 3% below April 1993. The cumulative total for the September 1992 through May 1993 period was down 1% from the same period the previous year. The West North Central Division of the United States showed the largest decrease in poults placed during May, down 12% from May 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators June 1			Poults Placed During May [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,959**	**11,377**	**95**	**9,487**	**8,804**	**93**
East North Central	5,088	5,067	100	3,646	3,556	98
West North Central	11,258	11,477	102	8,947	7,866	88
South Central	4,069	4,320	106	3,149	3,494	111
West	4,484	3,944	88	3,263	3,385	104
UNITED STATES	36,858	36,185	98	28,492	27,125	95

[1] Excludes exported poults.

HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms June 1, 1993, totaled 4,850,000 head, up 15% from a year earlier. Breeding stock at 560,000 head is up 20% and market hogs at 4,290,000 head are 15% above a year ago. North Carolina ranks fourth nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs. The state's pig crop during March-May period totaled 2,226,000 head, 18% above the same months last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.56 head compared to 8.55 during March-May last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 270,000 sows during the June-August quarter and 290,000 sows during the September-November quarter. If these expectations are realized, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 95,000 head or 20% over the same period last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the U.S. June 1, 1993 is estimated at 59.7 million head. This number is 1% above a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.45 million head, is 2% less than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 52.2 million head, up 1% from last year. The December 1992-May 1993 pig crop was 50.7 million head, virtually the same as last year. Pigs saved per litter was 8.13, a record high for this period. Expected farrowings for the June-November period totaled 6.19 million sows, unchanged from last year.

Estimates for the 16 quarterly States account for about 91% of the U.S. total inventory. These states, with 54.5 million head, were up 1% from last year. The December 1992-May 1993 pig crop was 46.0 million head, unchanged from last year. Producers intend to have 5.63 million sows farrow during the June-November period, virtually the same as a year earlier.

HOGS AND PIGS - JUNE 1, 1993 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1993	NORTH CAROLINA 1993 As % Of 1992	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1993	UNITED STATES 1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS:						
All Hogs and Pigs	4,200	4,850	115	59,295	59,690	101
Kept for breeding	465	560	120	7,608	7,445	98
Market	3,735	4,290	115	51,687	52,245	101
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,425	1,690	119	21,557	21,366	99
60-119 Lbs.	895	1,020	114	13,001	13,100	101
120-179 Lbs.	745	840	113	9,612	9,920	103
180 Lbs. and Over	670	740	110	7,517	7,859	105
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1]-February	215	245	114	2,900	2,907	100
March-May	220	260	118	3,375	3,330	99
December [1]-May	435	505	116	6,275	6,237	99
June-August	225	270 [2]	120	3,162	3,161 [2]	100
September-November	240	290 [2]	121	3,009	3,027 [2]	101
June-November	465	560 [2]	120	6,171	6,188 [2]	100
PIG CROP:						
December [1]-February	1,806	2,132	118	23,320	23,674	102
March-May	1,881	2,226	118	27,257	27,037	99
December [1]-May	3,687	4,358	118	50,577	50,711	100
		Number			*Number*	
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [1]-February	8.40	8.70	104	8.04	8.14	101
March-May	8.55	8.56	100	8.08	8.12	100
December [1]-May	8.48	8.63	102	8.06	8.13	101

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

N.C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP UNITED STATES DOWN

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during May 1993 totaled 87.2 million pounds, up 60% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during May totaled 3.21 billion pounds, 1% below a year earlier.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.86 billion pounds. This was down 2% from May 1992. Head kill totaled 2.77 million, up 1% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 27 pounds to 1,123. **Veal production** totaled 20.0 million pounds. This was down 21% from the record set in May 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 84,600 head, down 20%. The average live weight remained the same at 400 pounds. **Pork production**, at 1.31 billion pounds, was up 2% from 1992. Hog kill totaled 7.15 million head, up 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight remained the same at 254 pounds. **Lamb and mutton** production, at 27.0 million pounds, was up 9% from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 410,900 head, up 6%. The average live weight increased 5 pounds to 132.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 6% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.92 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.81 billion pounds last year. This total includes 544 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.27 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 107 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of May 31, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 954 million pounds of which 896 million pounds were edible grades and 58.1 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 167 million pounds: Runners, 639 million pounds; and Spanish, 90.0 million pounds.

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NORTH CAROLINA CORN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS UP

Corn stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on June 1, 1993, totaled 24.8 million bushels, 30% greater than the same quarter in 1992. Corn held in on-farm positions totaled 13 million bushels, up 53% from last year. Off-farm holdings totaled 11.8 million bushels, compared to 10.6 million bushels on June 1, 1992.

Soybean stocks in all positions as of June 1, 1993 totaled 8.8 million bushels, 3% more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks at 2 million bushels, were down 29% but off-farm stocks, at 6.8 million bushels were up 18 percent from June 1, 1992.

GRAIN STOCKS, JUNE 1, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	18,500	24,000	18,187	18,134	36,687	42,134
June 1	**8,500**	**13,000**	**10,577**	**11,757**	**19,077**	**24,757**
September 1	2,700		4,611		7,331	
December 1	38,500		24,145		62,645	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	6,500	8,000	10,364	11,239	16,864	19,239
June 1	**2,800**	**2,000**	**5,742**	**6,762**	**8,542**	**8,762**
September 1	1,100		2,122		3,222	
December 1	20,000		11,272		31,272	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	400	800	4,385	5,457	4,785	6,257
June 1	**40**	**130**	**2,255**	**1,962**	**2,295**	**2,092**
September 1	3,500		12,308		15,808	
December 1	1,700		9,034		10,734	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,610,200	3,630,000	1,950,785	2,048,215	4,560,985	5,678,215
June 1	**1,517,500**	**2,216,500**	**1,221,051**	**1,492,919**	**2,738,551**	**3,709,419**
September 1	605,500		494,811		1,100,311	
December 1	5,736,900		2,169,463		7,906,363	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	275,550	376,000	611,685	667,343	887,235	1,043,343
June 1	**144,605**	**183,820**	**327,248**	**345,182**	**471,853**	**529,002**
September 1	979,400		1,128,219		2,107,619	
December 1	672,000		918,476		1,590,476	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	505,000	576,900	672,343	638,667	1,177,343	1,215,567
June 1	**279,000**	**319,000**	**416,671**	**363,563**	**695,671**	**683,363**
September 1	105,000		173,437		278,437	
December 1	876,100		959,885		1,835,985	
SORGHUM						
March 1	54,960	111,320	196,286	323,088	251,246	434,408
June 1	**34,140**	**58,205**	**76,247**	**206,328**	**110,387**	**264,533**
September 1	18,840		34,352		53,192	
December 1	210,650		394,667		605,317	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.*

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GENERAL SITUATION

Wet conditions in early spring across the Tar Heel state built up soil moisture supplies which have been rapidly depleted by a hot dry spell which began in June. Above normal temperatures over the last 3 weeks have stressed crops, especially corn and soybeans. Localized thunder showers provide only spotty relief from the hot, dry conditions. As of July 12, 1993 soil moisture supplies were rated 51% very short, 36% short, 11% adequate and 2% surplus.

Crop conditions overall remain mostly fair with the exception of corn, which is at a critical stage of development and needs moisture. Dry conditions have allowed the small grains harvest to be completed ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. As of July 12, 61% of the cotton had squared with 22% setting bolls and 62% of the corn crop had silked. Soybean plantings are virtually complete with 5% of the crop beginning to flower. Harvest of one of our largest peach crops in several years is 40% complete.

NORTH CAROLINA ACREAGE, 1992-1993

CROPS	1992		1993 [1]	
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
	Acres			
Fresh Market Vegetables				
Snap Beans	7,200	7,000	7,300	7,100
Cabbage	6,100	5,900	4,700	4,500
Cucumbers	5,900	5,700	6,100	5,900
Green Peppers	8,200	7,800	7,700	8,100
Watermelons	10,900	10,100	9,000	8,700

[1] *Preliminary*

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, JULY 1, 1993 [1]

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	30	20	66	55	1,980	1,100
Oats, grain	Bu.	50	30	60	60	3,000	1,800
Wheat, grain	Bu.	555	560	50	44	27,750	24,640
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	98	98	2,195	2,150	215,110	210,700
Type 12	Lb.	129	129	2,345	2,300	302,505	296,700
Type 13	Lb.	34	34	2,175	2,100	73,950	71,400
Type 11-13	Lb.	261	261	2,267	2,218	591,565	578,800
FRUITS:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples	Lb.	10,900	[2]	22,000	[2]	240,000	380,000
Peaches	Lb.	2,100	[2]	5,710	[2]	12,000	38,000
IRISH POTATOES:							
Spring	Cwt.	17,300	17,300	200	180	3,460	3,114
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,200	110	120	154	144
All	Cwt.	18,700	18,500	193	176	3,614	3,258
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	7,309	7,539	62.4	61.3	456.3	461.8
Oats, grain	Bu.	4,492	4,153	65.6	63.3	294.6	266.9
Winter Wheat, grain	Bu.	41,893	44,380	38.3	41.0	1,606.5	1,821.3
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	401.5	399.5	2,257	2,169	906.0	866.7
FRUITS:							
Apples	Lb.	472.4	[2]	22,700	[2]	10,719.5	10,800.0
Peaches	Lb.	182.0	[2]	14,600	[2]	2,658.5	2,878.1
IRISH POTATOES:						*Thousands*	
Spring	Cwt.	83.0	83.8	259	234	21,535	19,569
Summer	Cwt.	85.8	89.0	248	235	21,249	20,943
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	168.8	172.8	253	234	42,784	40,512

[1] *Production forecasts for corn, cotton, peanuts, sorghum, soybeans, burley tobacco, hay and grapes will be released August 11, 1993.* [2] *Released January 12, 1994.*

PEACHES, JULY 1 FORECAST, NINE STATES

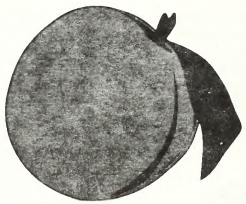
STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
	Million Pounds		
North Carolina	**35.0**	**12.0**	**38.0**
Alabama	16.0	13.0	17.0
Arkansas	12.0	12.0	22.0
Georgia	150.0	130.0	145.0
Louisiana	5.0	4.0	3.5
South Carolina	310.0	170.0	360.0
Texas	32.0	27.0	25.0
Virginia	26.0	25.0	27.0
West Virginia	18.0	20.0	20.0
9 STATES	604.0	413.0	657.5

[1] *Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold.*

N.C. PEACH PRODUCTION MORE THAN TRIPLE

North Carolina peach growers are expected to harvest 38 million pounds of peaches. This is more than triple the freeze reduced crop of last year and is the second largest crop since the 43 million pounds produced in 1984. As of July 11, harvest reached 40% complete in North Carolina and the crop condition is rated fair to good.

U.S. peach production is forecast at 2.88 billion pounds, up fractionally from the June forecast and up 8% from 1992. Production of the Freestone crop, excluding California Clingstone peaches that are mostly canned, is expected to total 1.74 billion pounds, up 1% from June 1 and up 18% from last year.



N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 58%

Apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 380 million pounds, up 58% from last season's production of 240 million pounds, the second largest crop since 1987. The crop is currently in mostly fair condition.

The first U.S. forecast of the 1993 apple crop, at 10.8 billion pounds, is 1% above last year's crop and 11% more than production in 1991.

APPLES, JULY 1 FORECAST, NINE STATES

STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
	Million Pounds		
North Carolina	**260**	**240**	**380**
California	800	840	850
Michigan	880	1,080	1,100
New York	1,050	1,170	1,050
Oregon	120	175	160
Pennsylvania	470	500	550
Virginia	420	370	380
Washington	4,300	4,800	4,700
West Virginia	200	225	225
9 STATES	8,500	9,400	9,395

[1] *Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold*

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN 2%

The flue-cured tobacco crop in North Carolina is forecast at 579 million pounds, down 2% from the 1992 crop. The decrease is due to smaller yields. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,218 pounds, down 49 pounds from the previous season's average of 2,267 pounds. Acres for harvest are expected to total 261,000, unchanged from last year but 5,000 acres below 1991.

The first flue-cured production for the U.S. is forecast at 867 million pounds, 4% less than last year's output. Yield per acre for all flue-cured is expected to average 2,169 pounds, 88 pounds below the 1992 average yield. Acres for harvest at 399,500 are down fractionally from a year earlier.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, JULY 1,1993

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**104.0**	**98.0**	**98.0**	**2,275**	**2,195**	**2,150**	**236,600**	**215,110**	**210,700**
N.C.	**12**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**2,345**	**2,345**	**2,300**	**302,505**	**302,505**	**296,700**
N.C.	**13**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**34.0**	**2,350**	**2,175**	**2,100**	**77,550**	**73,950**	**71,400**
N.C.	**11-13**	**266.0**	**261.0**	**261.0**	**2,318**	**2,267**	**2,218**	**616,655**	**591,565**	**578,800**
Va.	11	39.0	37.0	37.0	2,260	2,205	2,150	88,140	81,585	79,550
S.C.	13	51.0	52.0	52.0	2,180	2,160	2,000	111,180	112,320	104,000
Ga.	14	40.0	44.0	42.0	2,015	2,295	2,100	80,600	100,980	88,200
Fla.	14	6.6	7.5	7.5	2,320	2,610	2,150	15,312	19,575	16,125
U.S.	11-14	402.6	401.5	399.5	2,265	2,257	2,169	911,887	906,025	866,675

N.C. BARLEY PRODUCTION DOWN 44%

Barley production in North Carolina is forecast at 1.10 million bushels, 44% less than last year. Area for harvest at 20,000 acres is down 33% from 1992. The yield per acre is expected to average 55 bushels, 11 bushels less than last year.

U.S. barley production is forecast at 462 million bushels as of July 1, 1993. This is 1% above the 1992 production of 456 million bushels. Yields are expected to average 61.3 bushels per acre, 1.1 bushels less than last year. Area harvested and to be harvested, at 7.54 million acres, is up 3% from last year's 7.31 million acres.

N.C. SUMMER POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN 6%

The summer Irish potato crop in North Carolina is expected to total 144,000 cwt., down 6% from last year. Production is down due to a decrease in harvested acreage. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1,200 acres, down 14% from 1992. Yield is expected to total 120 cwt., up 10 cwt. from last year.

U.S. production of summer potatoes is forecast at 20.9 million cwt., down 1% from last year and 8% below 1991. Farmers expect to harvest 89,000 acres during the summer season, an increase of 4% from a year earlier. The average yield is expected to be 13 cwt. per acre below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in June 1993 was $2.36 per bushel, down 14 cents from the previous month and 50 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $5.68 per bushel, were down 20 cents from the previous month and 52 cents below a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in June, at $49.30 per hundredweight, were up $1.50 from May and $3.10 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 32.5 cents per pound, were down 0.5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 36.0 cents per pound, were unchanged from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 45.3 cents per dozen, were up 6.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.00 per hundredweight, was up $1.10 from a month earlier and 60 cents above a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		June 1992	May 1993	June 1993	June 1992	May 1993	June 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.86	2.50	2.36	2.47	2.13	2.00
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.38	1.51	1.38
Soybeans	Bu.	6.20	5.88	5.68	5.94	5.81	5.64
Hogs, All	Cwt.	46.20	47.80	49.30	46.70	47.00	48.30
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.300	.330	.325	.319	.357	.344
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.360	.360	.360	.377	.384	.373
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.362	.391	.453	.407	.486	.515
Milk, All	Cwt.	14.40	13.90	15.00	13.20	13.00	13.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.66	7.63	6.86
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.250	.153	.161
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	74.50	86.30	80.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The June 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 239% of its 1967 base, was up 1 point from May 1993. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for hogs, eggs, and milk. The index was 6 points above a year earlier.

The June 1993 "All Crops" index, at 246, was down 1 point from the previous month but unchanged from a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for June 1993, at 228, was up 7 points from the previous month and 17 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for June 1993, at 285, was up 4 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 197, was up 4 points. The dairy index, at 234, was up 17 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	June 15 1991 [1]	June 15 1992 [1]	May 15 1993 [1]	June 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	244	233	238	239
All Crops	258	246	247	246
Tobacco	270	260	259	259
Oil Bearing	274	224	247	242
Grains	198	212	180	183
Commercial Vegetables	189	167	200	200
Fruits	229	299	282	280
Livestock and Livestock Products	220	211	221	228
Meat Animals	299	266	281	285
Poultry	185	178	193	197
Dairy	204	225	217	234
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	282	256	264	257
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 11%

North Carolina winter wheat production is forecast at 24.6 million bushels, down 11% from the 1992 crop of 27.8 million bushels but unchanged from the June 1 forecast. Area harvested for grain, at 560,000 acres, is up 1% from 1992. Yields are expected to average 44 bushels per acre, 6 bushels less than the previous season's average but unchanged from the June 1 forecast.

U.S. winter wheat production for 1993 is now forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 13% from last year but down fractionally from June 1 forecast. Yields are now expected to average 41.0 bushels per acre, down less than a bushel from the June 1 forecast but 2.7 bushels higher than last season. Area for grain is 44.4 million acres, up 6% from last year.

WINTER WHEAT - Acreage, Yield and Production, 1992 - 1993

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1992	Ind. 1993	1992	Ind. 1993	1992	Ind. 1993
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*		*1,000 Bushels*	
N.C.	**555**	**560**	**50.0**	**44.0**	**27,750**	**24,640**
Ala.	95	100	44.0	34.0	4,180	3,400
Ariz.	44	35	90.0	92.0	3,960	3,220
Ark.	850	1,000	46.0	41.0	39,100	41,000
Calif.	550	500	75.0	82.0	41,250	41,000
Colo.	2,300	2,550	30.0	37.0	69,000	94,350
Del.	70	60	58.0	55.0	4,060	3,300
Fla.	20	25	42.0	33.0	840	825
Ga.	350	360	46.0	40.0	16,100	14,400
Idaho	800	850	65.0	69.0	52,000	58,650
Ill.	1,150	1,550	54.0	49.0	62,100	75,950
Ind.	450	650	50.0	55.0	22,500	35,750
Iowa	40	50	39.0	45.0	1,560	2,250
Kans.	10,700	11,400	34.0	39.0	363,800	444,600
Ky.	420	470	55.0	48.0	23,100	22,560
La.	170	90	36.0	25.0	6,120	2,250
Md.	220	195	58.0	52.0	12,760	10,140
Mich.	630	540	56.0	50.0	35,280	27,000
Minn.	45	40	42.0	40.0	1,890	1,600
Miss.	250	210	42.0	33.0	10,500	6,930
Mo.	1,350	1,450	48.0	44.0	64,800	63,800
Mont.	2,100	2,500	29.0	37.0	60,900	92,500
Nebr.	1,850	2,150	30.0	35.0	55,500	75,250
Nev.	5	3	85.0	90.0	425	270
N.J.	28	31	50.0	45.0	1,400	1,395
N. Mex.	330	290	34.0	25.0	11,220	7,250
N.Y.	110	90	56.0	48.0	6,160	4,320
N. Dak.	170	135	35.0	37.0	5,950	4,995
Ohio	1,115	1,000	53.0	54.0	59,095	54,000
Okla.	5,900	5,500	29.0	31.0	171,100	170,500
Oreg.	825	860	52.0	64.0	42,900	55,040
Pa.	185	165	55.0	48.0	10,175	7,920
S.C.	275	270	47.0	37.0	12,925	9,990
S. Dak.	1,200	1,400	28.0	36.0	33,600	50,400
Tenn.	280	360	48.0	39.0	13,440	14,040
Tex.	3,800	3,700	34.0	32.0	129,200	118,400
Utah	130	155	40.0	43.0	5,200	6,665
Va.	265	255	57.0	53.0	15,105	13,515
Wash.	2,000	2,500	51.0	58.0	102,000	145,000
W. Va.	11	11	49.0	45.0	539	495
Wis.	45	115	40.0	49.0	1,800	5,635
Wyo.	210	205	25.0	30.0	5,250	6,150
U.S.	41,893	44,380	38.3	41.0	1,606,534	1,821,345

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N. C. FARM NUMBERS ESTIMATED AT 59,000

The **number of farms** in North Carolina totaled 59,000 farms in 1993, down 1,000 from the previous year. Land in farms is estimated at 9.4 million acres, down 1% from 1992. The average size farm increased one acre from a year ago to 159.

The number of farms in the **United States** are estimated at 2.1 million. Land in farms totaled 978 million acres, down 1.8 million acres from 1992. The average size farm increased 5 acres from a year ago to 473.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, 1989-1993 [1]

YEAR	Number Of Farms	Land In Farms	Average Size	SALES CLASS ESTIMATES					
				$1,000-$9,999	$10,000-$99,999	$100,000 +	$1,000-$9,999	$10,000-$99,999	$100,000 +
	Thousand	*Thousand Acres*	*Acres*	*Number*			*Thousand Acres*		
				NORTH CAROLINA					
1989	65	10,000	154	39,000	17,500	8,500	2,500	3,400	4,100
1990	62	9,700	156	35,000	19,000	8,000	2,200	3,400	4,100
1991	60	9,600	160	34,000	18,200	7,800	2,179	2,721	4,700
1992	60	9,500	158	34,000	18,200	7,800	1,950	2,750	4,800
1993	59	9,400	159	34,500	16,800	7,700	1,950	2,700	4,750
				UNITED STATES					
1989	2,171	991,153	457	1,047,300	810,800	312,420	103,673	399,680	487,800
1990	2,140	987,420	461	1,017,050	801,570	321,800	98,820	390,800	497,800
1991	2,105	982,766	467	1,002,900	775,100	327,060	98,496	376,300	507,970
1992	2,094	979,963	468	1,005,700	762,700	325,440	96,963	370,500	512,500
1993	2,068	978,153	473	997,300	731,440	339,500	94,853	351,250	532,050

[1] *A farm is any establishment from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.*

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 1993, totaled 110.6 million head, up 1% from July 1, 1992, and up 1% from the 109 million two years ago.

Class estimates on July 1, 1993, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.2 million, were up 2% from the previous two years.

Beef cows, at 35.4 million, were 2% above July 1, 1992, and 3% above two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.80 million, were 1% below July 1, 1992, and 2% below 1991. All heifers 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 1% and up 2%. Beef replacement heifers, 5.80 million, up 2% and up 9%. Milk replacement heifers, 4.10 million, down 2% from the previous two years. Other heifers, 7.30 million, up 3% but down 1%. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.2 million, up 1% from the previous two years. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.20 million, unchanged from the previous two years. Calves under 500 pounds, 30.8 million, up 1% from both 1992 and 1991.

The 1993 calf crop is expected to be 40.1 million, up 2% from 1992 and 3% above 1991. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 29.0 million, up 1% from 1992 and 1991.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 1991-93

CLASS	1991	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Cattle and Calves	109,000	109,200	110,600	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved:	44,400	44,400	45,200	102
Beef Cows	34,400	34,550	35,400	102
Milk Cows	10,000	9,850	9,800	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,900	17,000	17,200	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,300	5,700	5,800	102
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,200	4,200	4,100	98
Other Heifers	7,400	7,100	7,300	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	15,100	15,100	15,200	101
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,200	2,200	2,200	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	30,400	30,500	30,800	101
Calf Crop	39,026	39,335	40,100	102

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 58.4 million broiler-type chicks during June 1993, up 9% from a year ago.

Nationally, the June 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 611 million, was 4% above June of the previous year. There were 503 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 1993, up 4% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.57 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1993, up 8% from June 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**53,403**	**58,432**	**109**
Alabama	89,056	88,916	100
Arkansas	99,973	104,877	105
Delaware	16,331	16,490	101
Florida	12,594	13,082	104
Georgia	81,814	85,792	105
Maryland	34,032	35,496	104
Mississippi	40,842	46,058	113
Pennsylvania	10,984	11,166	102
South Carolina	10,057	13,849	138
Texas	34,696	35,805	103
Virginia	17,621	18,005	102
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	30,275	31,251	103
Washington & Oregon	6,154	5,945	97
Other States [1]	46,702	45,537	98
UNITED STATES	584,534	610,701	104
15 STATES [2]	531,678	559,219	105

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

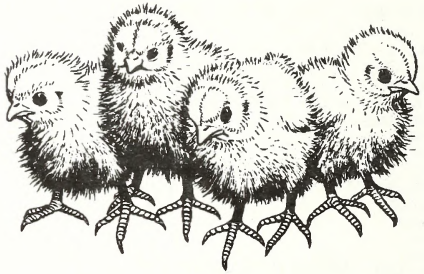
Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during June 1993 totaled 35.1 million, up 1% from June 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.3 million on July 1, 1993, up 6% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 267,000 during June 1993, up 19% from the 225,000 of June 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	947	1,312	139
Florida	1,450	1,551	107
Georgia	2,041	2,039	100
Indiana	6,166	6,474	105
Iowa	3,076	3,051	99
Kansas	412	290	70
Minnesota	1,920	1,733	90
Missouri	540	709	131
Pennsylvania	3,848	3,318	86
Other States [1]	14,171	14,601	103
UNITED STATES	34,571	35,078	101

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



CATTLE ON FEED IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed July 1, 1993 for slaughter market in the 13 states preparing quarterly estimates totaled 9.49 million head, up 7% from a year ago and fractionally above July 1, 1991. This is the highest July 1 inventory since 1978. The inventory included 6.05 million steers and steer calves, 5% above a year ago. This group accounts for 63.7% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.37 million head, 11% above a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 states during the April-June 1993 quarter totaled 5.28 million, fractionally above last year and 6% above April-June 1991. Net placements of 4.82 million for April-June were fractionally below last year but up 6% from 1991.

Marketing of fed cattle during the April-June 1993 quarter totaled 5.78 million, up 2% from last year but 1% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 460,000 head compared to 444,000 in April-June 1992 and 464,000 in April-June 1991.

Cattle feeders expect to market 5.95 million head during the July-September quarter of 1993. This would be up 3% from the third quarter marketings in 1992 but fractionally below 1991.

CATTLE ON FEED [1] - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS

STATE	JULY 1, 1992	APRIL 1, 1993	JULY 1, 1993	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1992
	1,000 Head			
Arizona	167	196	173	104
California	340	365	350	103
Colorado	820	910	840	102
Idaho	260	255	260	100
Illinois	255	330	280	110
Iowa	720	920	810	113
Kansas	1,640	1,770	1,600	98
Minnesota	285	325	290	102
Nebraska	1,650	2,230	1,810	110
Oklahoma	305	355	340	111
S. Dakota	240	300	230	96
Texas	2,000	2,310	2,340	117
Washington	165	186	170	103
13 States	8,847	10,452	9,493	107

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

JUNE MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during June 1993 totaled 117 million pounds, unchanged from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 94,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,245 pounds was up 30 pounds from June 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during June totaled 11.0 billion pounds, up 1% from production in these same states in June 1992. May revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 1% from May 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,352 pounds for June, 31 pounds above June 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.14 million head, 107,000 below June 1992 and 5,000 below May 1993.

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on July 1, 1993, averaged 17.6 pounds per cow, unchanged from July 1, 1992. The value of grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on July 1, averaged $7.71 per hundredweight, 11 cents below the July 1, 1992 price.

MILK PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**96**	**94**	**1,215**	**1,245**	**117**	**117**	**100**
Florida	182	177	1,135	1,175	207	208	100
Maryland	98	100	1,205	1,200	118	120	102
Virginia	136	132	1,185	1,205	161	159	99
21 STATES	8,250	8,143	1,321	1,352	10,897	11,008	101

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	11,765	10,463	89	5,101	5,984	117
East North Central	5,391	5,778	107	7,377	8,013	109
West North Central	10,758	11,299	105	4,881	4,578	94
South Atlantic	188,982	202,569	107	4,890	4,967	102
South Central	244,913	251,959	103	2,999	3,257	109
West	22,820	20,997	92	3,350	3,460	103
UNITED STATES	484,629	503,065	104	28,598	30,259	106

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 1993, totaled 36.0 million, down 5% from a year earlier. The 27.6 million poults placed during June 1993 in the United States were down 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago but 2% above May 1993. The cumulative total for the September 1992 through June 1993 period, at 249 million poults, was down 1% from the same period the previous year. The North & South Atlantic Division of the United States showed the largest decrease in poults placed during June, down 9% from June 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators July 1			Poults Placed During June[1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**12,471**	**11,075**	**89**	**9,705**	**8,867**	**91**
East North Central	5,120	5,192	101	3,880	3,944	102
West North Central	10,492	10,650	102	8,640	8,499	98
South Central	4,005	4,064	101	3,225	3,314	103
West	5,613	5,006	89	3,198	2,994	94
UNITED STATES	37,701	35,987	95	28,648	27,618	96

[1] Excludes exported poults.

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 258 million eggs during June 1993, up 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 142 million table eggs and 116 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 3% while hatching eggs were up 6% from 1992. The average number of layers on hand during June was 13.4 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 7.0 million layers for table eggs and 6.4 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.80 billion during June 1993, up 2% from the number produced a year ago. Production included 4.96 billion table eggs, 787 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 60.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during June averaged 280 million, up 2% from a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,074 eggs, compared with 2,067 in June 1991.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1993, totaled 280 million, up 2% from last year's total of 275 million. The 280 million layers consisted of 235 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 42.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1993, averaged 69.1 eggs per 100 layers, compared to last year's 69.2 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,156**	**13,385**	**255**	**258**	**146**	**142**	**109**	**116**
Alabama	10,670	10,995	194	211	85	98	109	113
Florida	8,830	9,554	171	196	158	181	13	15
Georgia	17,186	17,844	330	348	199	212	131	136
South Carolina	5,703	4,903	122	104	108	88	14	16
United States	275,395	279,861	5,693	5,803	4,871	4,956	822	847

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U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1992	1993	1994
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	79	181	193	107	2,483	2,529	2,806
February	139	273	119	44	2,375	2,553	
March	279	186	268	144	2,322	2,604	
April	231	178	251	141	2,337	2,655	
May	250	262	275	105	2,437	2,637	
June	179	225	267	119	2,476	2,696	
July	213	237			2,381	2,738	
August	226	277			2,483	2,750	
September	186	237			2,617	2,596	
October	255	237			2,524	2,678	
November	210	269			2,471	2,751	
December	134	176			2,483	2,764	
ANN.TOT.	2,381	2,738					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For June 1993, includes pullet chicks placed December 1991 through November 1992.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 20% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.59 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.33 billion pounds last year. This total includes 228 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.28 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 88.6 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of June 30, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 961 million pounds of which 916 million pounds were edible grades and 45.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 134 million pounds: Runners, 716 million pounds; and Spanish, 66.2 million pounds.

JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION U.S. SETS RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during June 1993 totaled 96.8 million pounds, up 67% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during June totaled a record high 3.48 billion pounds, 2% above the previous record high set in June 1992.

Beef production, for the U.S. totaled 2.05 billion pounds. This was up 1% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 3.01 million, up 3% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 16 pounds to 1,143. **Veal production**, at 22.0 million pounds, was down 11% from the record low set in June 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 93,800 head, down 13%. The average live weight increased 16 pounds to 410. **Pork production**, at 1.38 billion pounds, was up 3% from the record high set in June 1992. Hog kill totaled 7.51 million head, up 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 255. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 31.0 million pounds, was up 14% from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 477,900 head, up 10%. The average liveweight increased 5 pounds to 130.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Crop production has been reduced as much as 50% by the drought. The hottest month on record for most counties occurred during July. Below adequate soil moisture since June 6 caused most crop production to be below normal.

As of August 9, 1993, soil moisture supplies were rated 24% very short, 47% short and 29% adequate. Eighty percent of the peach crop had been harvested. The flue-cured tobacco harvest was 22% complete. Ninety-seven percent of the corn crop had silked, 79% was in the soft dough stage, 55% in the dent stage and 18% was classified as mature. The cotton crop is progressing with 96% of the crop squared and 88% setting bolls. The soybean crop is progressing on schedule with 50% having bloomed and 19% setting pods. Hay and pastures continue to be in mostly poor to fair condition across the state.

FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION DOWN

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 555 million pounds, down 4% from the previous forecast and 6% less than the previous year. The yield per acre is forecast at 2,125 pounds, down 142 pounds from 1992 and down 193 pounds from the record yield of 1991. Area for harvest is estimated at 261,000 acres, unchanged from 1992.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 835 million pounds, 4% under the forecast a month ago and 8% less than a year ago. Yield per acre, at 2,090 pounds, is 167 pounds below last year's average.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, AUGUST 1, 1993

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**104.0**	**98.0**	**98.0**	**2,275**	**2,195**	**2,100**	**236,600**	**215,110**	**205,800**
N.C.	**12**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**2,345**	**2,345**	**2,150**	**302,505**	**302,505**	**277,350**
N.C.	**13**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**34.0**	**2,350**	**2,175**	**2,100**	**77,550**	**73,950**	**71,400**
N.C.	**11-13**	**266.0**	**261.0**	**261.0**	**2,318**	**2,267**	**2,125**	**616,655**	**591,565**	**554,550**
Va.	11	39.0	37.0	37.0	2,260	2,205	2,100	88,140	81,585	77,700
S.C.	13	51.0	52.0	52.0	2,180	2,160	1,800	111,180	112,320	93,600
Ga.	14	40.0	44.0	42.0	2,015	2,295	2,200	80,600	100,980	92,400
Fla.	14	6.6	7.5	7.5	2,320	2,610	2,240	15,312	19,575	16,800
U.S.	11-14	402.6	401.5	399.5	2,265	2,257	2,090	911,887	906,025	835,050

BURLEY TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

Burley tobacco production in the state is forecast at 16.2 million pounds, 12% less than last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at 1,900 pounds, 90 pounds below last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 8,500 acres, 8% less than a year ago.

U.S. burley production is expected to total 619 million pounds, 14% less than the production of 1992. Yield is expected to average 2,078 pounds per acre, 85 pounds under 1992's average.

COTTON PRODUCTION UP

Cotton production in the state is forecast at 470,000 bales, up fractionally from the 1992 production. Area for harvest at 385,000 acres is 2% above last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 586 pounds, down 10 pounds from 1992.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 18.5 million bales, the second largest crop on record and 14% above the 1992 output. Yields are expected to average 668 pounds per harvested acre, down 31 pounds from a year ago. Harvested acreage increased 20% from last year to 13.3 million acres. Upland cotton is expected to account for 18.1 million bales. Pima production, if realized, will total 401,800 bales, 21% below last year's production.

N.C. CORN CROP LOWEST SINCE 1942

North Carolina corn production is forecast at 49.5 million bushels, down 50% from 1992 and the lowest production since 1942. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 900,000 acres, 13% less than last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 55 bushels, 40 bushels less than a year earlier and the lowest since 1977.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 7.42 billion bushels, down 22% from the record high production of 1992. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 116.0 bushels per acre, down 15.4 bushels from the record high yield of last year. Planted acreage of all corn is estimated at 73.7 million, down 600,000 acres from the June "Acreage" estimate as a result of the excessive rains and flooding in the Midwest. Harvested acreage is estimated at 64.0 million acres, 5% below the June "Acreage" estimate and 11% below the 1992 harvested acreage.

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina soybean production is forecast at 30.0 million bushels, 18% less than last year. The yield per acre forecast at 24 bushels is 3 bushels below last year's yield. Acreage for harvest is down 7% to 1,250,000 acres.

The first U.S. soybean production forecast of the 1993 crop is 1.90 billion bushels, down 13% from the previous year. Yield is expected to be 33.8 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from 1992.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 1993

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	30	20	66	55	1,980	1,100
Oats, grain	Bu.	50	30	60	55	3,000	1,650
Wheat, grain	Bu.	555	560	50	42	27,750	23,520
Corn, grain	Bu.	1,040	900	95	55	98,800	49,500
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	377	385	596	586	468	470
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	153	152	2,660	2,500	406,980	380,000
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	20	15	50	50	1,000	750
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,250	27	24	36,450	30,000
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	98	98	2,195	2,100	215,110	205,800
Type 12	Lb.	129	129	2,345	2,150	302,505	277,350
Type 13	Lb.	34	34	2,175	2,100	73,950	71,400
Type 11-13	Lb.	261	261	2,267	2,125	591,565	554,550
Type 31	Lb.	9.2	8.5	1,990	1,900	18,308	16,150
All	Lb.	270.2	269.5	2,257	2,118	609,873	570,700
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	30	20	2.80	2.50	84	50
Other	Ton	500	450	2.30	1.90	1,150	855
All	Ton	530	470	2.33	1.93	1,234	905
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples	Lb.	10,900	[3]	22,000	[3]	240,000	320,000
Grapes	Ton	520	[3]	2.5	[3]	1.3	2.0
Peaches [1]	Lb.	2,100	[3]	5,710	[3]	12,000	38,000
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	17,300	17,300	200	180	3,460	3,114
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,200	110	110	154	132
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	18,700	18,500	193	175	3,614	3,246
Pasture Conditions	%			82	63		
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	7,309	7,539	62.4	61.9	456.3	466.7
Oats, grain	Bu.	4,492	4,114	65.6	60.7	294.6	249.8
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	41,893	44,180	38.3	40.5	1,606.5	1,788.0
All	Bu.	62,407	63,934	39.4	40.0	2,458.8	2,555.6
Corn, grain	Bu.	72,144	63,970	131.4	116.0	9,478.9	7,423.1
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	10,883.1	13,123.3	693	664	15.7	18.1
All [2]	Lb.	11,143.3	13,319.3	699	668	16.2	18.5
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,672.1	1,649.5	2,562	2,368	4,284.3	3,906.7
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	12,150	9,748	72.8	65.9	884.0	642.4
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	58,383	56,343	37.6	33.8	2,196.5	1,902.0
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	402	400	2,257	2,090	906.0	835.0
Type 31	Lb.	333	298	2,163	2,078	719.6	618.5
All	Lb.	785	745	2,194	2,075	1,721.6	1,546.3
Hay: Alfalfa	Ton	24,159	23,841	3.30	3.39	79.7	80.9
Other	Ton	35,438	36,254	1.96	1.93	69.5	69.9
All	Ton	59,597	60,095	2.50	2.51	149.1	150.8
Fruit:							
Apples	Lb.	472.4	[3]	22,000	[3]	10,719.5	10,789.0
Grapes	Ton	744.6	[3]	8.27	[3]	6.1	5.6
Peaches	Lb.	182.0	[3]	14,600	[3]	2,658.5	2,769.1
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	83.0	83.8	259	234	21.5	19.6
Summer	Cwt.	85.8	88.7	248	234	21.2	20.8
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	168.8	172.5	253	234	42.7	40.4
Pasture Conditions	%			86	83		

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480-lb bales. [3] Released 1/12/94

SUMMER POTATO CROP DOWN

The North Carolina summer potato crop is forecast at 132,000 cwt., down 14% from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 1,200 acres, down 14% from 1992. Yield per acre is set at 110 cwt., unchanged from last year.

U.S. production of summer potatoes is forecast at 20.8 million cwt., down 2% from last year and 8% below 1991. Farmers expect to harvest 88,700 acres during the summer season, an increase of 3% from a year earlier, but yields are expected to fall 14 cwt. per acre to 234.

N.C. GRAPE PRODUCTION UP 54%

Grape production in North Carolina is forecast at 2,000 tons or 54% above last year's production.

The production forecast for all grapes in the U.S. is 5.63 million tons, down 7% from last year but 1% more than the 1991 crop.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION UP 33%

Commercial apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 320 million pounds, a 33% increase from last year's crop.

The Nation's apple crop forecast decreased fractionally from the July 1 forecast to 10.8 billion pounds but remained 1% above the 1992 crop.

PEANUT CROP DOWN

Peanut production in the Tar Heel State is forecast at 380 million pounds, down 7% from last year's production of 407 million pounds. Area for harvest, at 152,000 acres, is down 1% from 1992. The average yield per acre is forecast at 2,500 pounds, 160 pounds or 6% lower than the 1992 average.

U.S. production is forecast at 3.91 billion pounds, down 9% from last year's crop and 21% below the record high 1991 crop. Harvested area, estimated at 1.65 million acres, is 1% below last year. Yields are expected to average 2,368 pounds per acre, 194 pounds below last year and 76 pounds below the 1991 level.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in July 1993 was $2.53 per bushel, up 7 cents from the previous month but 25 cents below a year ago. Prices received for soybeans, at $6.83 per bushel, were up 64 cents from the previous month and 94 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in July, 1993 at $45.80 per hundredweight, were down $3.10 from June but were $2.10 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 33.0 cents per pound, were up 0.5 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 38.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 41.9 cents per dozen, were down 3.4 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.90 per hundredweight, was unchanged from a month earlier but down 10 cents from a year ago. Irish potatoes, at $7.10 per hundredweight, were up 20 cents from a month earlier.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, JULY 1993			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	July 1992	April 1993	July 1993
			Dollars - Per Ton			
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**228.00**	207.00	198.00	206.00	198.00	206.00
38-42% Protein	**322.00**	321.00	324.00	302.00	305.00	324.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**182.00**	169.00	185.00	178.00	179.00	179.00
18% Protein	**182.00**	178.00	193.00	187.00	184.00	183.00
20% Protein	**188.00**	185.00	204.00	191.00	187.00	186.00
32% Protein	**280.00**	254.00	316.00	282.00	285.00	298.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**258.00**	279.00	290.00	250.00	261.00	264.00
Poultry Feeds						
Broiler Grower	**201.00**	199.00	226.00	211.00	209.00	204.00
Chick Starter	**253.00**	214.00	253.00	228.00	224.00	228.00
Laying Feed	**195.00**	201.00	201.00	201.00	201.00	201.00
Turkey Grower	**236.00**	237.00	263.00	244.00	248.00	248.00
			Dollars - Per Cwt.			
Grain By-Products						
Alfalfa Meal	**13.60**	11.80	11.20	11.00	11.10	11.40
Alfalfa Pellets	**13.70**	13.50	11.20	[2]	11.20	11.50
Bran	**11.40**	10.10	10.00	10.80	10.90	10.90
Corn Meal	**1.90**	8.40	6.00	7.56	7.18	7.27
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**14.00**	12.10	15.60	13.90	14.60	14.90
Soybean Meal 44%	**14.30**	13.30	13.10	13.20	13.20	13.90
Molasses, Liquid	**12.10**	9.10	12.30	10.10	10.30	10.70
			Dollars - Per 50 Lb.			
Stock Salt	**4.30**	4.80	3.60	3.63	3.57	3.58

[1] Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH. [2] Survey item added January 1993.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		July 1992	June 1993	July 1993	July 1992	June 1993	July 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.78	2.46	2.53	2.33	2.09	2.17
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.32	1.43	1.43
Soybeans	Bu.	5.89	6.19	6.83	5.59	5.90	6.82
Hogs, All	Cwt.	43.70	48.90	45.80	44.60	48.20	46.00
Milk Cows	Hd.	1170.00	-	1180.00	1150.00	-	1170.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.310	.325	.330	.341	.344	.350
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.370	.360	.380	.379	.373	.389
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.336	.453	.419	.398	.515	.470
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.00	14.90	14.90	13.40	13.10	13.00
Potatoes	Cwt.	3.45	6.90	7.10	6.91	6.57	7.64
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.286	.161	.180
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	69.90	80.50	77.20

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

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NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The July 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 240% of its 1967 base, was unchanged from June 1993. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, turkeys, and potatoes were offset by lower prices for hogs and eggs. The index was 14 points above a year earlier.

The July 1993 "All Crops" index, at 249, was up 2 points from the previous month and 14 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for July 1993, at 224, was down 3 points from the previous month but 13 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for July 1993, at 271, was down 12 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 197, was unchanged. The dairy index, at 233, was unchanged from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	July 15 1991 [1]	July 15 1992 [1]	June 15 1993 [1]	July 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	239	226	240	240
All Crops	243	235	247	249
Tobacco	252	247	259	259
Oil Bearing	274	217	254	268
Grains	182	202	180	185
Commercial Vegetables	174	152	175	176
Fruits	221	299	280	280
Livestock and Livestock Products	231	211	227	224
Meat Animals	299	258	283	271
Poultry	203	180	197	197
Dairy	211	234	233	233
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	271	252	256	256
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	382	389	[4]	399
Parity Ratio [3]	71	65	[4]	64

[1] Revised. [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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TURKEYS RAISED FORECAST DOWN

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 1993, at 285 million, is 1% below the 289 million raised during 1992.

North Carolina is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 61.0 million birds, down 3% from the January 1993 intentions and 2% below 1992. Minnesota ranks second with 42.5 million, down 3% from January intentions and down 1% from a year ago. Arkansas and California are expected to tie for third producing 23.0 million birds each, down 8% and 4% respectively, from the previous year. Arkansas was down 10% from their January intentions, while California remained unchanged. Virginia is expected to replace Missouri as the nation's fifth largest producing State with 21.0 million birds, up 5% from January intentions and 9% above a year ago. Missouri ranks sixth with 19.5 million, down 13% from January intentions and down 5% from 1992. These States account for two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1993.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED [1]

STATE	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*
North Carolina	**62,000**	**61,000**	**98**
Arkansas	25,000	23,000	92
California	24,000	23,000	96
Minnesota	43,000	42,500	99
Missouri	20,500	19,500	95
Virginia	19,300	21,000	109
UNITED STATES	288,980	285,350	99

[1] *1992 Revised.*

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 262 million eggs during July 1993, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 148 million table eggs and 114 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 1% while hatching eggs increased 5%. The average number of layers on hand during July was 13.1 million, up 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.8 million layers for table eggs and 6.3 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.98 billion during July 1993, up 1% from the 5.91 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.13 billion table eggs, 784 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 63.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during July averaged 281 million, up 2% from a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,130 eggs, compared with 2,147 in July 1992.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 1993, totaled 34.2 million, down 3% from a year earlier. The 28.6 million poults placed during July 1993 in the United States were down 2% from placements during the same month a year ago but 1% above June 1993. The West Division of the United States showed the largest decrease in poults placed during July, down 9% from July 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators August 1			Poults Placed During July[1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**11,533**	**11,128**	**96**	**9,752**	**9,823**	**101**
East North Central	5,130	5,212	102	3,975	3,866	97
West North Central	9,845	9,701	99	8,052	7,705	96
South Central	3,754	3,751	100	3,097	3,225	104
West	4,924	4,435	90	4,417	4,007	91
UNITED STATES	35,186	34,227	97	29,293	28,626	98

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 1993, totaled 281 million, up 2% from a year ago. The 281 million layers consisted of 237 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 42.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1993, averaged 68.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from last year's 69.3 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**13,046**	**13,120**	**258**	**262**	**149**	**148**	**109**	**114**
Alabama	10,668	10,851	197	207	85	94	112	113
Florida	8,890	9,479	185	199	172	184	13	15
Georgia	17,047	17,920	340	356	206	219	134	137
South Carolina	5,701	4,929	124	105	110	89	14	16
United States	274,944	280,560	5,905	5,977	5,072	5,130	833	847

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during July 1993 totaled 34.2 million, up 7% from July 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on August 1, 1993, up 15% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 243,000 during July 1993, up 3% from the 237,000 of July 1992.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 57.6 million broiler-type chicks during July 1993, up 6% from a year ago.

Nationally, the July 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 614 million, was 5% above July of the previous year. There were 504 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 1993, up 6% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.97 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1993, up 10% from July 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,132	981	87
Florida	1,603	1,662	104
Georgia	1,964	1,960	100
Indiana	5,438	6,652	122
Iowa	3,117	3,007	96
Kansas	258	421	163
Minnesota	1,793	2,044	114
Missouri	497	504	101
Pennsylvania	3,360	4,236	126
Other States [1]	12,905	12,710	98
UNITED STATES	32,067	34,177	107

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**54,524**	**57,625**	**106**
Alabama	88,879	90,231	102
Arkansas	101,259	105,345	104
Delaware	15,440	16,215	105
Florida	12,803	13,391	105
Georgia	82,692	87,870	106
Maryland	33,579	35,373	105
Mississippi	41,887	46,718	112
Pennsylvania	11,240	10,780	96
South Carolina	10,311	13,030	126
Texas	34,364	35,468	103
Virginia	17,996	17,773	99
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	29,719	29,439	99
Washington & Oregon	6,263	5,801	93
Other States [1]	44,994	49,228	109
UNITED STATES	585,950	614,287	105
15 STATES [2]	534,693	559,258	105

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina during July 1993 totaled 115 million pounds, up 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 94,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,225 pounds was up 40 pounds from July 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during July totaled 11.0 billion pounds, 1% more than production in these same states in July 1992. June revised production at 11.0 billion pounds was 1% above June 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,351 pounds for July, 29 pounds more than July 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.14 million head, 109,000 less than July 1992 and was 6,000 less than June 1993.

MILK PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds		1993 As % Of 1992
					1992	1993	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**96**	**94**	**1,185**	**1,225**	**114**	**115**	**101**
Florida	181	178	1,060	1,100	192	196	102
Maryland	98	100	1,175	1,190	115	119	103
Virginia	136	131	1,160	1,170	158	153	97
21 STATES	8,247	8,138	1,322	1,351	10,900	10,993	101

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	11,140	11,221	101	3,546	3,991	113
East North Central	5,204	5,195	100	7,265	6,940	96
West North Central	10,463	10,846	104	4,539	5,502	121
South Atlantic	187,254	203,761	109	3,619	5,157	142
South Central	238,802	252,673	106	2,759	3,101	112
West	21,307	20,357	96	2,960	3,675	124
UNITED STATES	474,170	504,053	106	24,688	28,366	115

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS DOWN

During the week of July 11 - 17, 1993, North Carolina farmers hired 49,000 workers. This compares to 66,000 for the July 1992 survey week and 25,000 for the April 1993 survey week. The average wage rate for North Carolina was $5.07, up $.21 from July 1992.

There were 3.59 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches including agricultural service workers during the week of July 11 - 17, 1993. This compares with 3.56 million people during the July 1992 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.60 million of the total, along with 559,000 unpaid workers and 1.07 million workers hired directly by farm operators. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.09 per hour during the July 1993 survey week.

WORKERS ON FARMS [1], JULY 11 - 17, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands											
Appalachian I	**184**	**155**	**75**	**70**	**19**	**18**	**90**	**67**	**30**	**25**	**60**	**42**
Appalachian II	240	219	153	141	40	37	47	41	29	25	18	16
Southeast	155	154	80	77	24	22	51	55	31	34	20	21
U.S. (49 states)	3,172	3,230	1,604	1,604	536	559	1,032	1,067	668	692	364	375

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was July 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JULY 11 - 17, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Dollars Per Hour								*Dollars Per Hour*					
Appalachian I	**4.74**	**5.07**	**5.64**	**5.67**	**7.72**	[4]	**6.45**	**6.08**	**4.81**	**4.96**	**5.83**	**6.12**	**5.43**	[4]
Appalachian II	5.03	5.42	4.98	4.94	8.66	[4]	5.67	[4]	5.03	5.36	[4]	[4]	6.50	5.33
Southeast	4.83	5.28	5.45	5.72	9.36	8.73	6.70	6.22	4.90	5.41	6.00	5.38	5.75	6.35
U.S. (49 States)	5.47	5.78	5.48	5.42	9.03	9.64	7.57	7.36	5.56	5.84	6.31	6.61	6.37	6.64

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was July 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], JULY 11 - 17, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS[2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**36.6**	**32.1**	**35.0**	**31.1**	**35.2**	**34.5**	**5.00**	**5.26**
Appalachian II	27.6	27.6	29.9	29.8	32.4	31.9	5.35	5.39
Southeast	33.4	30.1	38.5	28.9	38.2	33.2	5.22	5.68
U.S. (49 States)	39.0	37.6	36.7	33.2	39.9	39.9	5.82	6.09

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was July 12 - 18. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat slaughtered in North Carolina during July 1993 totaled 89.7 million pounds, up 59% from a year earlier. Nationally, commercial red meat production during July totaled 3.34 billion pounds, 3% below a year earlier.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.98 billion pounds. This was down 2% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.86 million, virtually unchanged from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 1,160. **Veal production**, at 22.0 million pounds, was down 11% from the record low set in July 1973 and 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 93,100 head, down 14%. The average live weight increased 17 pounds to 401. **Pork production**, at 1.31 billion pounds, was down 5% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.18 million head, down 6% from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 2 pounds to 253. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 26.0 million pounds, was down 5% from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 409,100 head, down 8%. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 128.

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U.S. CATFISH INVENTORY DOWN NORTH CAROLINA UP

Commercial catfish producers in the U.S. had 174 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 1993, down 13% from the July 1, 1992 total of 201 million. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 3.62 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 32.0 million were medium foodsize (1 1/2 to 3 pounds per fish) and 139 million were small foodsize fish (3/4 to 1 1/2 pounds per fish). Catfish producers had 1.42 million broodfish on hand July 1, 1993, up 2% from the 1.39 million on hand July 1, 1992. The number of stockers on hand July 1, 1993 totaled 595 million fish, down 9% from the 655 million on hand July 1, 1992. Of the total number of stockers, 282.4 million were large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 312.8 million were small stockers (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 1.26 billion fingerlings and fry (60 pounds per 1,000 fish and less) on hand July 1, 1993, down 1% from the 1.27 billion on hand July 1, 1992.

CATFISH: Total Liveweight of Fish, July 1

State	Large Foodsize		Medium Foodsize		Small Foodsize		Stockers		Fingerling/Fry	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousand Pounds						*Thousand Pounds*			
N.C.	**220**	**690**	**575**	**984**	**1,297**	**1,426**	**453**	**290**	**66**	**132**
AL	2,669	1,029	8,175	5,404	16,805	16,291	11,062	9,606	834	1,341
AR	2,567	2,454	12,457	7,723	16,875	13,381	13,527	15,136	2,587	1,612
CA	230	279	1,094	860	1,302	945	648	1,540	75	97
FL	336	100	460	120	410	115	24	230	63	400
KY	242	165	197	300	109	95	75	88	36	15
LA	1,540	755	7,200	4,060	6,500	8,000	7,500	5,050	420	920
MS	11,145	5,873	51,964	35,026	99,359	87,292	125,187	111,456	11,472	12,598
MO	238	340	1,029	850	764	1,421	908	3,818	169	440
OK	94	185	151	225	96	130	173	37	53	21
SC	14	186	270	242	400	968	733	466	45	59
TN	117	215	280	192	*	159	*	*	*	21
TX	347	413	643	310	*	205	*	483	*	313
OTHER [1]	224	118	979	170	2,122	456	3,967	353	405	102
TOTAL	19,983	12,802	85,474	56,466	146,039	130,884	164,257	148,553	16,225	18,071

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GENERAL SITUATION

Drought conditions continued through the month of August and into September reducing crop production across the state. Corn production is expected to be down by 50%, soybean production down by 21%, peanut production down by 25%, cotton production down by 10% and tobacco production down by 8% from last year.

As of September 7, 1993, soil moisture supplies were rated 43% very short, 43% short and 14% adequate. Corn for grain harvest was 20% completed, compared with 10% last year and cotton opening bolls was 46% compared with 25% last year. The soybean crop is rated in mostly fair condition with 91% of the crop blooming and 80% setting pods. The flue-cured tobacco harvest continues a couple of weeks behind schedule with 55% of the harvest completed, compared with 72% last year and a 5-year average of 69%.

N.C. FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION DOWN 8%

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 546 million pounds, 1% less than the previous forecast and 8% below last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,094 pounds, 173 pounds below last year's average and 31 pounds less than the outlook a month ago. Area for harvest is estimated at 261 thousand acres, unchanged from 1992.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 826 million pounds, 1% less than the August 1 forecast and 9% below 1992. Harvest of the crop got off to a good start.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**104.0**	**98.0**	**98.0**	**2,275**	**2,195**	**2,000**	**236,600**	**215,110**	**196,000**
N.C.	**12**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**2,345**	**2,345**	**2,150**	**302,505**	**302,505**	**277,350**
N.C.	**13**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**34.0**	**2,350**	**2,175**	**2,150**	**77,550**	**73,950**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**266.0**	**261.0**	**261.0**	**2,318**	**2,267**	**2,094**	**616,655**	**591,565**	**546,450**
Va.	11	39.0	37.0	37.0	2,260	2,205	2,000	88,140	81,585	74,000
S.C.	13	51.0	52.0	52.0	2,180	2,160	1,900	111,180	112,320	98,800
Ga.	14	40.0	44.0	42.0	2,015	2,295	2,100	80,600	100,980	88,200
Fla.	14	6.6	7.5	7.5	2,320	2,610	2,500	15,312	19,575	18,750
U.S.	11-14	402.6	401.5	399.5	2,265	2,257	2,068	911,887	906,025	826,200

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION DOWN 12%

Burley tobacco production in North Carolina is expected to total 16.2 million pounds, unchanged from a month earlier but 12% less than last year's crop. The average yield per acre is forecast at 1,900 pounds, 90 pounds below last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 8,500 acres, 8% less than a year ago.

U.S. burley production, at 620 million pounds, is slightly above the August 1 forecast of 618 million pounds. Compared to the previous year, this year's crop will be 14% smaller. Harvest of the crop has begun in Kentucky and parts of Tennessee.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION DOWN 50%

Corn production in the State is forecast at 49.5 million bushels, the same as the previous forecast but 50% less than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 55 bushels, 40 bushels less than the 1992 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 900 thousand acres, 13% less than last year.

U.S. corn for grain production is forecast at 7.23 billion bushels, down 3% from the August 1 forecast and 24% below the record high production of 1992. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 113.1 bushels per acre, down 2.9 bushels from last month and 18.3 bushels below the record yield of 131.4 bushels set a year earlier. Acreage for harvest as grain is estimated at 63.9 million acres, down slightly from last month.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	30	20	66	55	1,980	1,100
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	50	30	60	55	3,000	1,650
Wheat, grain [1]	Bu.	555	560	50	42	27,750	23,520
Corn, Grain	Bu.	1,040	900	95	55	98,800	49,500
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	377	385	596	524	468	420
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	153	152	2,660	2,000	406,980	304,000
Sorghum, grain [1]	Bu.	20	15	50	50	1,000	750
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,200	27	24	36,450	28,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	98	98	2,195	2,000	215,110	196,000
Type 12	Lb.	129	129	2,345	2,150	302,505	277,350
Type 13	Lb.	34	34	2,175	2,150	73,950	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	261	261	2,267	2,094	591,565	546,450
Type 31	Lb.	9.2	8.5	1,990	1,900	18,308	16,150
All	Lb.	270.2	269.5	2,257	2,088	609,873	562,600
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	30	20	2.80	2.50	84	50
Other [1]	Ton	500	450	2.30	1.90	1,150	855
All [1]	Ton	530	470	2.33	1.93	1,234	905
Fruit:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	10,900	[5]	22,000	[5]	240,000	320,000
Grapes [1 4]	Ton	520	[5]	2.5	[5]	1.3	2.0
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	2,100	[5]	5,710	[5]	12,000	38,000
Pecans, All	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	2,500	3,500
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	17,300	17,300	200	180	3,460	3,114
Summer	Cwt.	1,400	1,200	110	100	154	120
Spring & Summer	Cwt.	18,700	18,500	193	175	3,614	3,234
Pasture Conditions	%			90	64		
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	7,309	7,539	62.4	57.8	456.3	435.7
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	4,492	4,114	65.6	60.7	294.6	249.8
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	41,893	44,180	38.3	40.5	1,606.5	1,788.0
All	Bu.	62,407	63,934	39.4	39.0	2,458.8	2,493.4
Corn, Grain	Bu.	72,144	63,910	131.4	113.1	9,478.9	7,229.4
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	10,883.1	13,113.3	693	639	15.7	17.5
All [2]	Lb.	11,143.3	13,305.3	699	645	16.2	17.9
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,672.1	1,649.5	2,562	2,116	4,284.3	3,491.1
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	12,150	9,748	72.8	66.5	884.0	648.6
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	58,383	56,193	37.6	34.0	2,196.5	1,909.2
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	402	400	2,257	2,068	906.0	826.2
Type 31	Lb.	333	298	2,163	2,084	719.6	620.1
All	Lb.	785	745	2,194	2,065	1,721.6	1,539.0
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	24,159	23,841	3.30	3.39	79.7	80.9
Other [1]	Ton	35,438	36,254	1.96	1.93	69.5	69.9
All [1]	Ton	59,597	60,095	2.50	2.51	149.1	150.8
Fruit:							
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	472.4	[5]	22,000	[5]	10,719.5	10,789.0
Grapes [1]	Ton	744.6	[5]	8.27	[5]	6.1	5.6
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	182.0	[5]	14,600	[5]	2,658.5	2,769.1
Pecans, All	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	166.0	364.0
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	83.0	83.8	259	234	21.5	19.6
Summer [7]	Cwt.	86.0	87.6	248	232	21.3	20.3
Spring & Summer [7]	Cwt.	169.0	171.4	253	233	42.8	39.9
Pasture Conditions	%			83	81		

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480-lb bales. [3] Includes Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures. [4] Total production. [5] Released 1/12/94. [6] Not estimated. [7] 1992 revised.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN 10%

Cotton production in the Tar Heel State is forecast at 420 thousand bales, 11% less than a month earlier and 10% below last year's crop. Yield per acre is expected to average 524 pounds, 72 pounds less than the 1992 average. Area for harvest, estimated at 385,000 acres, is 2% above last year.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17.9 million bales, down 4 % from August but 10% higher than 1992. Lack of sufficient rainfall in the cotton belt reduced yield potential during the past month. Texas' output fell 300 thousand bales from August to 5.50 million bales but remains 68% above the 1992 level. The Southeast region's yield decreased 40 pounds from last month and are off 158 pounds per acre from a year ago. Arizona's yield averaged 1,204 pounds per acre, 127 pounds higher than last year. U.S. producers expect to harvest 13.3 million acres, up 19% from 1992.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 21%

Soybean production in North Carolina is forecast at 28.8 million bushels, down 4% from the previous month's forecast and 21% less than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 24 bushels, 3 bushels below last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.20 million acres, 11% less than last year. About 80% of the acreage was setting pods as of September 7, compared with the average of 73%.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 1.91 billion bushels as of September 1, virtually unchanged from the August 1 forecast but 13% below 1992. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1988. Yield is forecasted at 34.0 bushels per acre, 0.2 bushels above August 1 but 3.6 bushels below 1992. Area to be harvested, at 56.2 million acres, is down 150 thousand acres from the August estimate. The average plant maturity, as well as the number of pods set is behind last year's pace.

N.C. PEANUT PRODUCTION DOWN 25%

Peanut production in North Carolina is forecast at 304 million pounds, down 20% from the prediction a month earlier and 25% below the 1992 crop of 407 million pounds. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds, down 660 pounds from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 152,000 acres, down 1% from last year.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 3.49 billion pounds, down 11% from the August 1 forecast and down 18% from last year's crop. Hot, dry conditions in August lowered expectations significantly. Harvested area, estimated at 1.65 million acres, is 1% below last year. Yields are expected to average 2,116 pounds per harvested acre, down 252 pounds from last month and down 446 pounds from 1992.

Production in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida and South Carolina) is expected to total 2.06 billion pounds, 11% below last month and 22% below the 1992 crop. Yield for the 4-State area is expected to average 2,086 pounds per acre, 555 pounds more than last year. Widespread soil moisture shortage in the Southeast reduced crop prospects below the August 1 levels. At month's end, the Alabama crop was rated as only 12% good and 54% poor or very poor. The Georgia crop was considered to be 17% good and 44% poor and very poor, by August 27. Hard, dry soil reduced peg penetration to supplement foundation root production, also cutting yield prospects. Localized showers helped isolate areas but general rain did not occur in August to preserve dryland potential. Early digging in some better areas of Georgia has been disappointing. Harvest was most advanced in South Carolina where 10% of the crop had been harvested by August 27, slightly ahead of normal.

Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 470 million pounds, down 25% from last month and down 29% from last year. Yield per harvested acre, at 1,925 pounds, is 771 pounds per acre below last year's average. In North Carolina and Virginia, August heat and dry weather cut crop prospects substantially and set the stage for increased insect pressure, especially spider mites. Rapidly drying soils at the critical time for pegging reduced yield prospects significantly. In Virginia, the crop condition dropped from 14% good and 86% fair on August 1 to only 33% fair, 50% poor and 17% very poor by August 27.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP 27%

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.34 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.05 billion pounds last year. This total includes 55.8 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.22 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 70.5 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of July 31, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 915 million pounds of which 872 million pounds were edible grades and 43.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 115 million pounds: Runners, 695 million pounds; and Spanish, 61.4 million pounds.

N.C. SUMMER POTATO CROP DOWN 22%

The summer crop of Irish potatoes in North Carolina is forecast at 120 thousand cwt., 9% less than the August 1 forecast and 22% below last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 100 cwt., 10 cwt. less than last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 1,200 acres, down 14% from 1992.

The final U.S. forecast of summer potato production is 20.3 million cwt., down 5% from last year and 2% below last month. Area harvested is estimated at 87.6 thousand acres, down 1% from August. Several hundred acres were lost to flooding in the midwest. The average yield dropped 2 cwt. in August and at 232 cwt. per acre, is down 16 cwt. from a year ago.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The August 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 236% of its 1967 base, was down 3 point from July 1993. Contributing to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, corn, soybeans, and milk. The index was 7 points above a year earlier.

The August 1993 "All Crops" index, at 238, was down 9 points from the previous month but unchanged from a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for August 1993, at 231, was up 5 points from the previous month and 17 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for August 1993, at 277, was up 3 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 207, was up 10 points. The dairy index, at 231, was down 8 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Aug. 15 1991 [1]	Aug. 15 1992 [1]	July 15 1993 [1]	Aug. 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	238	229	239	236
All Crops	245	238	247	238
Tobacco	251	251	257	244
Oil Bearing	278	213	262	258
Grains	178	180	187	185
Commercial Vegetables	206	196	166	189
Fruits	221	299	280	280
Livestock and Livestock Products	225	214	226	231
Meat Animals	285	259	274	277
Poultry	196	184	197	207
Dairy	217	237	239	231
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	267	253	256	260
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	399	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	64	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

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N.C. PECAN PRODUCTION UP 40%

North Carolina's pecan crop is expected to total 3.5 million pounds, up 40% from last year's crop of 2.5 million pounds but down 36% from the crop of 5.5 million pounds in 1991.

The September 1 forecast for U.S. pecan production is 364 million pounds (in-shell basis), up 119% from last year's very small crop. If realized, this year's crop will be the largest since 1963 when 376 million pounds were harvested and the second largest on record. All States expect higher production this year.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in August 1993 was $1.600 per pound, down 8.5 cents from the previous month and 5.0 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.53 per bushel were down 3 cents from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $6.40 per bushel, were down 15 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in August, at $48.70 per hundredweight, were up $2.10 from July and $4.30 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 33.5 cents per pound, were up 0.5 cents from the previous month. Turkeys, at 39.0 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 50.1 cents per dozen, were up 8.2 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.80 per hundredweight, was down 50 cents from a month earlier and 40 cents below a year ago. Irish potatoes, at $9.50 per hundredweight, were up $4.15 from a month earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		August 1992	July 1993	August 1993	August 1992	July 1993	August 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.650	1.685	1.600	1.655	1.580	1.600
Corn	Bu.	2.47	2.56	2.53	2.15	2.22	2.20
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.23	1.36	1.35
Soybeans	Bu.	5.70	6.55	6.40	5.40	6.57	6.36
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.40	46.60	48.70	44.10	45.90	47.10
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.315	.330	.335	.343	.350	.363
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.370	.380	.390	.378	.389	.395
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.355	.419	.501	.417	.470	.512
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.20	15.30	14.80	13.50	12.80	12.60
Potatoes	Cwt.	11.50	5.35	9.50	6.60	7.93	6.55
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.211	-	-	.333	.180	.231
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	69.20	77.20	77.40

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

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N.C. HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms September 1, 1993, totaled 5,000,000 head, up 16% from a year earlier and 4% above the June 1 record high inventory. This increase pushed the state's hog and pig inventory past Minnesota into the number three national ranking behind Iowa and Illinois. Breeding stock at 590,000 head increased 18% and market hogs at 4,410,000 head are 16% above a year ago. The state's pig crop during the June-August period totaled 2,266,000 head, 17% above the same months last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.55 head compared to 8.60 during June-August last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 285,000 sows during each of the next two quarters—September-November and December-February. If these expectations are realized, the number of sows to farrow during this 6 month period will increase 95,000 head or 20% over the same period last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the **United States** September 1, 1993 is estimated at 59.0 million head. This number is 4% below a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7.08 million head, is 5% less than a year ago. Market hogs totaled 51.9 million head, down 4% from last year. The June-August 1993 pig crop was 23.7 million head, down 8% from last year. Pigs saved per litter were 8.09 compared to 8.14 during the same period in 1992. Expected farrowings for the September-November period totaled 2.93 million sows, down 3% from last year. December 1993 through February 1994 farrowings are expected to total 2.85 million sows, 2% more than this period last year.

Estimates for the **16 quarterly States** account for about 91% of the U.S. total inventory. These states, with 53.7 million head, were down 4% from last year. The June-August 1993 pig crop was 21.4 million head, down 9% from last year. Producers intend to have 2.67 million sows farrow during the September-November period, down 3% from a year earlier.

HOGS AND PIGS - SEPTEMBER 1, 1993 REPORT: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 1992	NORTH CAROLINA 1993	NORTH CAROLINA 1993 As % Of 1992	UNITED STATES 1992	UNITED STATES 1993	UNITED STATES 1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS SEPT 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	4,300	5,000	116	61,570	58,950	96
Kept for breeding	500	590	118	7,415	7,075	95
Market	3,800	4,410	116	54,155	51,875	96
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	1,530	1,785	117	20,872	19,640	94
60-119 Lbs.	860	1,030	120	13,619	13,165	97
120-179 Lbs.	760	885	116	10,890	10,530	97
180 Lbs. and Over	650	710	109	8,774	8,540	97
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	4,200	4,800	114	59,295	58,295	98
Kept for breeding	465	560	120	7,608	7,300	96
Market	3,735	4,240	114	51,687	50,995	99
SOWS FARROWING:						
March-May	220	250	114	3,375	3,154	93
June-August	225	265	118	3,162	2,932	93
September-November	240	285 [2]	119	3,009	2,933 [2]	97
PIG CROP:						
March-May	1,881	2,138	114	27,257	25,605	94
June-August	1,935	2,266	117	25,751	23,719	92
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
March-May	8.55	8.55	100	8.08	8.12	100
June-August	8.60	8.55	99	8.14	8.09	99
	1993	1994	1994 As % Of 1993	1993	1994	1994 As % Of 1993
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1] -February	235	285 [2]	121	2,796	2,845 [2]	102

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

EGG PRODUCTION - AUGUST

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND 1992	LAYERS ON HAND 1993	TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED 1992	TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED 1993	TABLE EGGS 1992	TABLE EGGS 1993	HATCHING EGGS 1992	HATCHING EGGS 1993
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**12,915**	**13,053**	**250**	**260**	**144**	**148**	**106**	**112**
Alabama	10,688	10,641	209	200	96	90	113	110
Florida	8,965	9,383	185	202	172	188	13	14
Georgia	17,288	18,610	349	368	217	233	132	135
South Carolina	5,451	4,871	121	106	107	90	14	16
United States	274,357	281,484	5,914	5,999	5,090	5,162	824	837

NORTH CAROLINA WHEAT STOCKS DOWN

Wheat stocks held in all positions in North Carolina on September 1, 1993 totaled 11.3 millions bushels, down 29% from September 1, 1992. On-farm holdings totaled 1.8 million bushels and off-farm holdings were at 9.5 million bushels.

Corn stocks in all positions totaled 10.8 million bushels on September 1, 1993 compared to 7.3 million bushels last year. Corn held in on-farm facilities totaled 4.7 million bushels compared to 2.7 million bushels last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 6.1 million bushels compared to 4.6 million bushels last year.

Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 5.0 million bushels compared to 3.2 million bushels a year earlier. On-farm holdings totaled .6 million bushels while off-farm facilities held 4.4 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP & QUARTER	ON-FARMS		OFF-FARMS [1]		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	
	1992	**1993**	1992	**1993**	1992	**1993**
	Thousand Bushels					
NORTH CAROLINA						
CORN						
March 1	18,500	24,000	18,187	18,134	36,687	42,134
June 1	8,500	13,000	10,577	11,757	19,077	24,757
September 1	2,700	**4.700**	4,611	**6,055**	7,311	**10,755**
December 1	38,500		24,145		62,645	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	6,500	8,000	10,364	11,239	16,864	19,239
June 1	2,800	2,000	5,742	6,762	8,542	8,762
September 1	1,100	**600**	2,122	**4,431**	3,222	**5,031**
December 1	20,000		11,272		31,272	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	400	800	4,385	5,457	4,785	6,257
June 1	40	130	2,255	1,962	2,295	2,092
September 1	3,500	**1,800**	12,308	**9,493**	15,808	**11,293**
December 1	1,700		9,034		10,734	
UNITED STATES						
CORN						
March 1	2,610,200	3,630,000	1,950,785	2,048,215	4,560,985	5,678,215
June 1	1,517,500	2,216,500	1,221,051	1,492,943	2,738,551	3,709,443
September 1	605,500	**1,070,700**	494,811	**1,042,015**	1,100,311	**2,112,715**
December 1	5,736,900		2,169,463		7,906,363	
ALL WHEAT						
March 1	275,550	376,000	611,685	667,343	887,235	1,043,343
June 1	144,605	183,820	327,248	345,334	471,853	529,154
September 1	979,400	**1,003,000**	1,128,219	**1,152,876**	2,107,619	**2,155,876**
December 1	672,000		918,476		1,590,476	
SOYBEANS						
March 1	505,000	576,900	672,343	638,667	1,177,343	1,215,567
June 1	279,000	319,000	416,671	363,613	695,671	683,413
September 1	105,000	**124,970**	173,437	**167,234**	278,437	**292,204**
December 1	876,100		959,885		1,835,985	
SORGHUM						
March 1	54,960	111,320	196,286	323,088	251,246	434,408
June 1	34,140	58,465	76,247	206,348	110,387	264,813
September 1	18,840	**35,420**	34,352	**139,610**	53,192	**175,030**
December 1	210,650		394,667		605,317	

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.*

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in North Carolina during August 1993 totaled 115 million pounds, down 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 94,000 head, down 2,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow at 1,225 pounds was up 15 pounds from August 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during August totaled 10.7 billion pounds, slightly below production in these same states in August 1992. July revised production at 10.9 billion pounds was up slightly from July 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,309 pounds for August, 14 pounds above August 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.14 million head, 104,000 head below August 1992 but 5,000 above July 1993.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 1993, totaled 29.5 million, up 4% from a year earlier. The 26.2 million poults placed during August 1993 in the United States were up 3% from the placements during the same month a year ago but 8% below July 1993. The East North Central Division of the United States showed the largest increase in poults placed during August, up 19% from August 1992.

MILK PRODUCTION - AUGUST

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
					Pounds		1993 As % Of
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**96**	**94**	**1,210**	**1,225**	**116**	**115**	**99**
Florida	180	179	1,020	1,050	184	188	102
Maryland	99	98	1,190	1,165	118	114	97
Virginia	136	132	1,205	1,225	164	162	99
21 STATES	8,243	8,139	1,295	1,309	10,673	10,655	100

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

NORTH CAROLINA FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts From Farming By Commodity, 1989-92

COMMODITIES	RECEIPTS				1992 % OF TOTAL SALES
	1989	1990	1991	1992	
	1,000 Dollars				*Percent*
TOTAL COMMODITIES SOLD:	4,621,338	4,962,498	4,955,786	**5,181,695**	**100**
Crops	2,111,101	2,303,693	2,338,602	**2,386,168**	**46**
Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Products	2,510,237	2,658,805	2,617,184	**2,795,527**	**54**
INDIVIDUAL CROPS:					
Tobacco	946,127	1,051,602	1,054,666	**1,049,524**	**20.3**
Oil Crops	339,251	370,953	320,302	**327,778**	**6.3**
Soybeans	231,176	204,969	193,443	**201,364**	**3.9**
Peanuts	108,075	165,984	126,506	**126,164**	**2.4**
Other Oil Crops	[1]	[1]	353	**250**	*
Feed Grains	205,584	207,532	181,462	**211,153**	**4.1**
Corn	189,161	193,204	166,355	**194,413**	**3.8**
Hay	6,553	7,170	9,150	**10,247**	**.2**
Oats	3,725	2,245	1,573	**2,335**	*
Sorghum Grain	4,314	3,730	2,670	**1,862**	*
Barley	1,831	1,183	1,714	**2,296**	*
Food Grains	80,492	63,134	49,227	**83,295**	**1.6**
Wheat	79,490	62,628	48,596	**82,800**	**1.6**
Rye	1,002	506	631	**495**	*
Cotton	50,515	77,872	136,129	**143,928**	**2.8**
Cotton Lint	48,274	73,239	130.613	**136,947**	**2.6**
Cottonseed	2,241	4,633	5,516	**6,981**	**.1**
Vegetables	194,532	217,126	244,875	**201,642**	**3.9**
Sweetpotatoes	72,715	51,285	40,759	**39,775**	**.8**
Potatoes	19,365	18,581	22,938	**27,798**	**.5**
Cucumbers, Processing	19,383	23,163	23,870	**19,729**	**.4**
Snap Beans, Processing	319	150	327	**275**	*
Tomatoes	3,847	5,719	4,640	**4,891**	**.1**
Sweet Corn	3,903	5,138	4,263	**3,974**	**.1**
Other Vegetables	75,000	113,090	148,078	**105,200**	**2.0**
Fruits and Nuts	39,835	39,914	53,033	**46,597**	**.9**
Apples	23,483	22,558	23,847	**23,188**	**.4**
Peaches	2,100	2,700	5,986	**2,352**	*
Blueberries	7,997	6,655	9,431	**9,545**	**.2**
Strawberries	4,752	6,426	7,030	**7,303**	**.1**
Pecans	445	425	4,975	**2,825**	**.1**
Grapes	690	800	1,344	**1,014**	*
Other Fruits and Nuts	368	350	420	**370**	
All Other Crops	254,765	275,560	298,908	**322,251**	**6.2**
Greenhouse Nursery	250,604	271,767	294,986	**317,177**	**6.1**
Miscellaneous Crops	4,161	3,793	3,922	**5,074**	**.1**
LIVESTOCK, DAIRY & POULTRY:					
Meat Animals	657,459	794,085	843,245	**918,212**	**17.7**
Hogs	508,792	615,149	665,286	**729,750**	**14.1**
Cattles and Calves	148,416	178,712	177,673	**188,026**	**3.6**
Sheep and Lambs	251	224	286	**436**	*
Dairy Products	223,782	234,788	204,267	**215,350**	**4.2**
Milk, Wholesale & Retail	223,782	234,788	204,267	**215,350**	**4.2**
Poultry and Eggs	1,574,523	1,577,307	1,516,882	**1,608,773**	**31.1**
Broilers	843,180	803,966	777,003	**855,729**	**16.5**
Eggs	221,628 [2]	209,277 [2]	199,701 [2]	**180,047** [2]	**3.5**
Turkeys	406,638	452,400	431,346	**475,416**	**9.2**
Chickens, Farm	17,577	12,439	10,582	**13,281**	**.3**
Miscellaneous Poultry	85,500	99,225	98,250	**84,300**	**1.6**
Miscellaneous Livestock	54,473	52,625	52,790	**53,192**	**1.0**
Honey	608	710	689	**527**	*
Wool	59	32	24	**43**	*
Aquaculture	8,593	6,054	6,236	**6,708**	**.1**
Catfish	883	1,154	1,636	**1,430**	*
Trout	7,710	4,900	4,600	**5,278**	**.1**
Other Misc. Livestock	45,213	45,829	45,841	**45,914**	**.9**

*[1] Included in Miscellaneous Crops. [2] Value of production. * Less than 0.05 percent.*

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER UP

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during August 1993 totaled 137.4 million pounds, up 58% from a year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 123.8 million pounds, was up 68% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 13.5 million pounds, up 3%. Calf slaughter at 70,000 pounds, was up 8%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,046 pounds; calves 280 pounds; hogs 246 pounds; sheep and lambs, 93 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during August 1993 totaled 95.8 million pounds dress weight, up 66% from a year earlier.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during August 1993, totaled 3.50 billion pounds, 3% above a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 2.07 billion pounds dress weight, up 4% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.94 million, up 6%. The average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 1,173. **Veal production**, at 23.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 4% from the record low set in August 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 98,400 head, down 11%. The average live weight increased 29 pounds to 400. **Pork production**, at 1.39 billion pounds dress weight, was up 1% from the record high set in August 1992. Hog kill totaled 7.64 million head, down 1% from last year. The average live weight was up 2 pounds to 251. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 27.0 million pounds dress weight, was up 6% from last year. Slaughter totaled 431,900 head, up 3%. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 125.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - AUGUST

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered[1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered[1]		Total Live Weight	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	12.4	12.9	13,070	13,509	2.8	2.9	3,278	3,450
Calves	.2	.2	65	70	.1	.1	41	39
Sheep & Lambs	.1	.1	9	12	.4	.4	51	54
Hogs	287.8	503.8	73,893	123,800	7.7	7.6	1,915	1,917
TOTAL	300.5	517.0	87,037	137,391	11.0	11.0	5,285	5,460

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Crop conditions remain mostly fair across the State. Rainfall during September, while still below normal, helped to increase soil moisture slightly from last month. Estimated production of most crops, compared with the 1992 crop, continues to be below normal due to drought stress. Corn production is expected to be down by 48%, peanut production down by 33%, soybean production down by 21% and tobacco production down by 7%.

As of October 10, 1993, soil moisture supplies were rated 20% very short, 60% short and 20% adequate. Corn for grain harvest was 82% completed, compared with 70% last year, and cotton harvested was 30% completed, compared with only 5% last year. The soybean crop is rated in mostly fair condition with 46% of the crop in the drop leaf stage. The flue-cured tobacco harvest continues slightly behind schedule with 90% completed, compared with 99% last year and a 5-year average of 98%.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, OCTOBER 1, 1993

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**104.0**	**98.0**	**98.0**	**2,275**	**2,195**	**2,050**	**236,600**	**215,110**	**200,900**
N.C.	**12**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**2,345**	**2,345**	**2,150**	**302,505**	**302,505**	**277,350**
N.C.	**13**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**34.0**	**2,350**	**2,175**	**2,150**	**77,550**	**73,950**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**266.0**	**261.0**	**261.0**	**2,318**	**2,267**	**2,112**	**616,655**	**591,565**	**551,350**
Va.	11	39.0	37.0	37.0	2,260	2,205	2,000	88,140	81,585	74,000
S.C.	13	51.0	52.0	52.0	2,180	2,160	2,100	111,180	112,320	109,200
Ga.	14	40.0	44.0	42.0	2,015	2,295	2,100	80,600	100,980	88,200
Fla.	14	6.6	7.5	7.5	2,320	2,610	2,500	15,312	19,575	18,750
U.S.	11-14	402.6	401.5	399.5	2,265	2,257	2,106	911,887	906,025	841,500

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED

Soybean production in North Carolina is forecast at 28.8 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's forecast but 21% less than last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 24.0 bushels, the same as the previous forecast but 3.0 bushels less than last year. Area for harvest at 1.2 million acres, is unchanged from the earlier estimate but 11% less than last year due to dry conditions.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 1.89 billion bushels, down 1% from the September 1 forecast and 14% below 1992. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1988. Yield is forecast at 33.7 bushels per acre, 0.3 bushel below September and 3.9 bushels below 1992. Area to be harvested, at 56.0 million acres, is down 160,000 acres from the September estimate. Missouri and North Dakota reduced acreage from last month due to wet weather. Acreage reduction in Georgia and South Carolina were due to drought conditions.

FLUE-CURED FORECAST UP

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 551 million pounds, up 1% from the previous month's forecast but 7% less than last year's production. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,112 pounds, up 18 pounds from the earlier forecast but 155 pounds below last year's average yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 261,000 acres, unchanged from the earlier estimate and 1992. North Carolina flue-cured harvest was 90% completed by October 10, compared to last season's progress of 99% and the average of 98%.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 842 million pounds, 2% more than the September 1 forecast but 7% below a year ago. Yield per acre, at 2,106 pounds, is down 151 pounds from last year's average yield. Area for harvest at 399.5 million acres is virtually unchanged from 1992. Auctions for flue-cured tobacco are winding down and are expected to end by the end of October.

BURLEY PROSPECTS UP

The burley tobacco crop in North Carolina is forecast at 17 million pounds, up 5% from the earlier forecast but 7% less than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre, up 10 pounds from the 1992 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 8,500 acres, down 8% from last year.

U.S. burley production, at 634 million pounds, is 2% above September 1 but shows a decrease of 12% from 1992. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,131 pounds, down 32 pounds from the 1992 average. Area for harvest, estimated at 297.6 million acres, is down 11% from the previous year. Burley harvest in Kentucky is roughly 92% complete. Quality of the crop is reported to be good.

PEANUT FORECAST DOWN

Peanut production in North Carolina is forecast at 273.6 million pounds, 10% less than a month earlier and down 33% from the 1992 crop. Yield per acre is expected to average 1,800 pounds, down 860 pounds from the average in 1992 and the lowest yield since 1980 when growers only averaged 1,755 pounds. Area for harvest is estimated at 152,000 acres, down 1% from last year's acreage.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 3.26 billion pounds, down 7% from the September 1 forecast and down 24% from last year's crop. This production, if realized, is 1% below the drought-stricken crop of 1983 and the smallest crop since 1980. Continued dry but slightly cooler September weather continued to reduce expectations in the Southeast and the Virginia-North Carolina areas, while the Southwestern areas declined due to increasingly dry conditions in Texas. Harvested area remains unchanged at 1.65 million acres, 1% below last year. Yields are expected to average 1,975 pounds per harvested acre, down 141 pounds from last month and 587 pounds below 1992.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 1, 1993

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain	Bu.	30	20	66	60	1,980	1,200
Oats, grain	Bu.	50	30	60	60	3,000	1,800
Rye	Bu.	15	30	24	25	360	750
Wheat, grain	Bu.	555	560	50	42	27,750	23,520
Corn, Grain	Bu.	1,040	850	95	60	98,800	51,000
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	377	385	596	524	468	420
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	153	152	2,660	1,800	406,980	273,600
Sorghum, grain [2]	Bu.	20	15	50	50	1,000	750
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,200	27	24	36,450	28,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	98	98	2,195	2,050	215,110	200,900
Type 12	Lb.	129	129	2,345	2,150	302,505	277,350
Type 13	Lb.	34	34	2,175	2,150	73,950	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	261	261	2,267	2,112	591,565	551,350
Type 31	Lb.	9.2	8.5	1,990	2,000	18,308	17,000
All	Lb.	270.2	269.5	2,257	2,109	609,873	568,350
Hay: Alfalfa [2 3]	Ton	30	20	2.80	2.50	84	50
Other	Ton	500	450	2.30	1.90	1,150	855
All	Ton	530	470	2.33	1.93	1,234	905
Fruit & Nuts:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [4]	Lb.	10,900	[5]	22,000	[5]	240,000	290,000
Grapes [2 4]	Ton	520	[5]	2.5	[5]	1.3	2.0
Peaches [2 4]	Lb.	2,100	[5]	5,710	[5]	12,000	38,000
Pecans, All [2]	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	2,500	3,500
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [2]	Cwt.	17,300	17,300	200	180	3,460	3,114
Summer [2]	Cwt.	1,400	1,200	110	100	154	120
Spring & Summer [2]	Cwt.	18,700	18,500	193	175	3,614	3,234
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	89	68	-	-
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain [7]	Bu.	7,325	7,062	62.5	58.9	457.9	415.8
Oats, grain [7]	Bu.	4,492	3,813	65.6	54.6	294.8	208.1
Rye [7]	Bu.	406	381	29.4	27.1	12.0	10.3
Wheat, Winter [7]	Bu.	41,893	43,851	38.3	40.3	1,606.5	1,769.3
All [7]	Bu.	62,411	62,982	39.4	38.4	2,458.9	2,421.5
Corn, Grain	Bu.	72,144	63,110	131.4	110.3	9,478.9	6,961.9
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	10,883.1	13,113.3	693	608	15.7	16.6
All [1]	Lb.	11,143.3	13,305.3	699	614	16.2	17.0
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,672.1	1,649.5	2,562	1,975	4,284.3	3,257.7
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	12,150	9,748	72.8	65.6	884.0	639.1
Soybeans, beans [7]	Bu.	58,183	56,033	37.6	33.7	2,187.9	1,890.8
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	402	400	2,257	2,106	906.0	841.5
Type 31	Lb.	333	298	2,163	2,131	719.6	634.3
All	Lb.	785	745	2,194	2,107	1,721.6	1,569.7
Hay: Alfalfa [3]	Ton	24,159	24,291	3.30	3.46	79.7	84.0
Other	Ton	35,438	36,704	1.96	1.91	69.5	70.0
All	Ton	59,597	60,995	2.50	2.53	149.1	154.0
Fruit & Nuts:							
Apples [4]	Lb.	472.4	[5]	22,000	[5]	10,719.5	10,512.5
Grapes [4]	Ton	744.6	[5]	8.27	[5]	6.1	5.6
Peaches [2 4]	Lb.	182.0	[5]	14,600	[5]	2,658.5	2,769.1
Pecans, All	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	166.0	378.5
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [2]	Cwt.	83.0	83.8	259	234	21.5	19.6
Summer [2]	Cwt.	86.0	87.6	248	232	21.3	20.3
Spring & Summer [2]	Cwt.	169.0	171.4	253	233	42.8	39.9
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	82	83	-	-

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Includes Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures. [4] Total production. [5] Released 1/12/94. [6] Not estimated. [7] 1992 revised.

TROUT SALES UP

North Carolina's 71 commercial trout producers had sales of 4,427,000 pounds valued at $5,784,000 for the period September 1, 1992 - August 31, 1993, up 9% from the previous year. Sales of foodsize trout accounted for 96% of total sales, with stockers and fingerlings accounting for 4%. Total losses of trout for the year totaled 1,379,000 pounds.

Trout growers in **15 selected States** had a total value of fish and egg sales of $68.7 million during the 12-month period. This was an increase of 6% from the $64.9 million in sales during the same period a year earlier. Growers sold a total of 58.5 million pounds of trout valued at $62.8 million this year. Foodsize trout sales accounted for 93% of the total pounds sold. In addition, 465 million trout eggs were sold, valued at $5.90 million, up 1% from the previous year.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

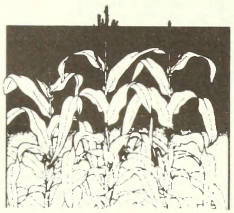
Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 420,000 bales, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 10% from the 1992 production of 468,000 bales. Area for harvest, at 385,000 acres, was unchanged from the previous month's estimate but 2% more than the 1992 acreage. Yield is forecast at 524 pounds per acre, 72 pounds less than last season's average. Harvest on October 10 was 30% complete, compared with 5% last year and the average of 11%.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17 million bales, down 5% from September 1 but up 5% from last year's production. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 16.6 million bales, while Pima production accounts for the remaining 396,000 bales. Total area for harvest is expected at 13.3 million acres, up 19% from 1992. Yield is expected to average 614 pounds per acre, down 31 pounds from the September 1 forecast and 85 pounds below last year.

N.C. CORN FORECAST UP

North Carolina's corn production, forecast at 51 million bushels, is up 3% from the previous month's forecast but 48% less than last year's production and is the lowest since 1954. Area for grain harvest, at a record low 850,00 acres, is 50,000 acres below the previous forecast and 190,000 acres below last year's acreage. As of October 10, grain harvest was 82% completed compared with 70% last year and the average of 71%.

U.S. production of corn for grain is forecast at 6.96 billion bushels, down 4% from the September 1 forecast and 27% below the record high production of 1992. Yields are expected to average 110.3 bushels per acre, down 2.8 bushels from last month and 21.1 bushels below the record high yield of 131.4 bushels set last year. Acreage for harvest as grain is estimated at 63.1 million acres, down 800,000 acres from last month, due primarily to additional acreage being destroyed to qualify for government programs. Yields are down as a result of a late maturing crop dying prematurely, insects and an Ohio drought.



NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The September 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 239% of its 1967 base, was up 4 points from August 1993. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, hogs, broilers and turkeys. The index was unchanged from a year earlier.

The September 1993 "All Crops" index, at 248, was up 10 points from the previous month but 7 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for September 1993, at 224, was down 6 points from the previous month but 13 points above the previous year.

The Meat animals index for September 1993, at 275, was down 2 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 200, was down 7 points. The dairy index, at 220, was down 9 points from a month earlier.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Sept. 15 1991 [1]	Sept. 15 1992 [1]	Aug. 15 1993 [1]	Sept. 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	242	239	235	239
All Crops	255	255	238	248
Tobacco	274	278	243	261
Oil Bearing	236	211	261	253
Grains	184	161	181	180
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	186	186
Fruits	217	324	280	227
Livestock and Livestock Products	219	211	230	224
Meat Animals	265	246	277	275
Poultry	193	184	207	200
Dairy	223	239	229	220
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	269	253	260	265
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES: SEPTEMBER 1 - AUGUST 31, 1992 & 1993

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA		TOTAL SELECTED STATES	
	1992 [1]	1993	1992 [1]	1993
Number of Operations	68	71	461	457
	Thousand Dollars			
Foodsize Sales	5,027	5,523	50,958	54,309
Stocker Sales	215	209	6,743	7,433
Fingerlings Sale	36	52	1,411	1,040
Total Fish Sale	5,278	5,784	59,112	62,782
Eggs Sale	0	0	5,829	5,903
Total All Trout	5,278	5,784	64,941	68,685

[1] Revised.

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UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.07 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 798 million pounds last year. This total includes 31.4 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 993 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 46.5 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of August 31, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 747 million pounds of which 729 million pounds were edible grades and 18.0 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 99.2 million pounds; Runners, 582 million pounds; and Spanish, 47.7 million pounds.

APPLE PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN

Commercial apple production in North Carolina is forecast at 290 million pounds, down 9% from the previous forecast but 21% more than last year's crop. As of October 10, apple harvest was 64% completed compared to last season's 73% and the average of 79%.

The final U.S. forecast of the 1993 apple crop places production at 10.5 billion pounds, down 3% from the August 1 forecast and 2% less than last year's production.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Sept. 1992	Aug. 1993	Sept. 1993	Sept. 1992	Aug. 1993	Sept. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.825	1.595	1.715	1.825	1.595	1.710
Corn	Bu.	2.19	2.48	2.47	2.16	2.25	2.19
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.28	1.33	1.37
Soybeans	Bu.	5.64	6.53	6.14	5.36	6.55	6.11
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	-	-	.312	-	.298
Hogs, All	Cwt.	41.60	48.50	49.50	42.10	47.50	48.20
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.300	.335	.345	.320	.363	.365
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.370	.390	.410	.375	.395	.404
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.423	.501	.375	.490	.512	.453
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.30	14.70	14.10	13.50	12.50	12.70
Potatoes	Cwt.	11.50	9.00	-	4.89	5.91	5.40
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.237	-	.135	.271	.231	.265
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	69.20	77.40	77.60

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in September 1993 was $1.715 per pound, up 12.0 cents from the previous month but 11.0 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.47 per bushel, were down 1 cent from a month earlier. Soybeans, at $6.14 per bushel, were down 39 cents from the previous month.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in September, at $49.50 per hundredweight, were up $1.00 from August and $7.90 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 34.5 cents per pound, were up 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 41.0 cents per pound, were up 2.0 cents from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 37.5 cents per dozen, were down 12.6 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $14.10 per hundredweight, was down 60 cents from a month earlier and $1.20 below a year ago. Apples, at 13.5 cents per pound, were down 10.2 cents from a year earlier.

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MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during September 1993 totaled 113 million pounds, down 4% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 94 thousand head, down 2 thousand from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,205 pounds, was down 25 pounds from September 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during September totaled 10.1 billion pounds, down 1% from production in these same states in September 1992. August revised production at 10.6 billion pounds was down 1% from August 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,250 pounds for September, 4 pounds above September 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.11 million head, 125 thousand below September 1992 and 8 thousand below August 1993.

MILK PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**96**	**94**	**1,230**	**1,205**	**118**	**113**	**96**
Florida	180	179	970	985	175	176	101
Maryland	100	96	1,130	1,145	113	110	97
Virginia	136	132	1,200	1,205	163	159	98
21 STATES	8,237	8,112	1,246	1,250	10,263	10,144	99

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 1993, totaled 27.6 million, down 3% from a year earlier. The 21.3 million poults placed during September 1993 in the United States were down 1% from the placements during the same month a year ago, and 19% below August 1993. The Western Division of the United States showed the largest decrease in poults placed during September, down 12% from September 1992.

TURKEY HATCHERY - OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators October 1			Poults Placed During September [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,805**	**10,226**	**95**	**7,862**	**8,147**	**104**
East North Central	4,202	4,031	96	3,160	3,071	97
West North Central	8,303	7,775	94	5,902	5,715	97
South Central	2,589	2,732	106	2,403	2,367	99
West	2,587	2,794	108	2,295	2,022	88
UNITED STATES	28,486	27,558	97	21,622	21,322	99

[1] Excludes exported poults.

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 246 million eggs during September 1993, up slightly from a year earlier. Production consisted of 137 million table eggs and 109 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 4% while hatching eggs were up 7% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during September was 13.0 million, up 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.7 million layers for table eggs and 6.3 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 5.87 billion during September 1993, up 2% from the 5.75 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.06 billion table eggs, 755 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 55.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during September 1993 averaged 283 million, up 2% from the 276 million a year ago. September 1993 average egg production was 2,072 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 2,080 eggs per 100 layers in September 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 1993, totaled 285 million, compared with 279 million a year ago. The 285 million layers consisted of 240 million for table or commercial type eggs, 42.4 million for broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million for egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 1993 averaged 68.9 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from the 68.8 eggs per 100 layers on October 1, 1992.

EGG PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
Thousands	*Million Eggs*							
North Carolina	**12,893**	**12,995**	**245**	**246**	**143**	**137**	**102**	**109**
Alabama	10,718	10,401	206	192	98	87	108	105
Florida	9,040	9,325	181	198	168	185	13	13
Georgia	17,797	19,334	351	377	225	247	126	130
South Carolina	5,511	4,826	121	103	107	87	14	16
United States	276,329	283,162	5,748	5,867	4,960	5,057	788	810

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during September 1993 totaled 31.9 million, up 14% from September 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.1 million on October 1, 1993, up slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 270 thousand during September 1993, up 14% from the 237 thousand of September 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	950	1,082	114
Florida	1,415	1,444	102
Georgia	2,162	1,843	85
Indiana	5,225	5,376	103
Iowa	1,827	2,281	125
Kansas	386	420	109
Minnesota	1,769	1,666	94
Missouri	400	357	89
Pennsylvania	2,772	3,572	129
Other States [1]	11,054	13,837	125
UNITED STATES	27,960	31,878	114

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 54.5 million broiler-type chicks during September 1993, up 5% from a year ago.

Nationally, the September 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 579 million, was 4% above September of the previous year. There were 479 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 1993, up 8% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.12 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 1993, down 2% from September 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**51,735**	**54,460**	**105**
Alabama	84,988	84,950	100
Arkansas	97,204	98,530	101
Delaware	14,544	15,314	105
Florida	11,987	12,899	108
Georgia	78,190	81,324	104
Maryland	30,915	33,248	108
Mississippi	41,080	44,620	109
Pennsylvania	10,450	10,118	97
South Carolina	9,846	13,034	132
Texas	33,303	33,016	99
Virginia	17,687	18,337	104
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	25,451	26,491	104
Washington & Oregon	5,307	4,804	91
Other States [1]	42,149	47,499	113
UNITED STATES	554,836	578,644	104
15 STATES [2]	507,380	526,341	104

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1992	1993	1994
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	79	181	193	107	2,483	2,529	2,806
February	139	273	119	44	2,375	2,553	2,812
March	279	186	268	144	2,322	2,604	2,754
April	231	178	251	141	2,337	2,655	2,787
May	250	262	275	105	2,437	2,637	
June	179	225	267	119	2,476	2,696	
July	213	237	243	103	2,381	2,738	
August	226	277	219	79	2,483	2,750	
September	186	237	270	114	2,617	2,596	
October	255	237			2,524	2,678	
November	210	269			2,471	2,751	
December	134	176			2,483	2,764	
ANN.TOT.	2,381	2,738					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For June 1993, includes pullet chicks placed December 1991 through November 1992.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North Atlantic	10,524	9,955	95	4,977	4,002	80
East North Central	5,104	5,154	101	8,139	7,294	90
West North Central	9,827	10,676	109	5,271	4,594	87
South Atlantic	177,381	192,250	108	4,530	5,530	122
South Central	255,554	244,384	108	2,564	3,960	154
West	16,570	16,102	97	3,538	3,752	106
UNITED STATES	444,960	478,521	108	29,019	29,132	100

SEPTEMBER LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during September 1993 totaled 139.8 million pounds, up 47% from a year earlier. **Hog slaughter**, at 125.0 million pounds, was up 54% from a year earlier. **Cattle slaughter** totaled 14.8 million pounds, up 5%. **Calf slaughter**, at 45.0 thousand pounds, was down 41%. The average live weight per head was: cattle -1,036 pounds; calves - 282 pounds; hogs - 247 pounds; sheep and lambs - 85 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during September 1993 totaled 97.3 million pounds dress weight, up 53% from a year earlier.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during September 1993, totaled 3.51 billion pounds, 1% below a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** for the U.S. totaled 2.03 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.87 million, up 2%. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 1,185. **Veal production**, at 22.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 6% from the record low set in September 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 97.4 thousand head, down 12%. The average live weight increased 21 pounds to 389. **Pork production**, at 1.44 billion pounds dress weight, was down 5% from September 1992. Hog kill totaled 7.95 million head, down 6% from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 252. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 27.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 10% from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 425,900 head, down 13%. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 124.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - SEPTEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered[1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered[1]		Total Live Weight	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	13.4	14.2	14,114	14,757	2.8	2.9	3,326	3,400
Calves	0.2	0.2	76	45	0.1	0.1	41	38
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	19	18	0.5	0.4	60	54
Hogs	319.4	506.0	81,127	124,956	8.4	7.9	2,114	2,000
TOTAL	333.2	520.6	95,336	139,776	11.8	11.3	5,541	5,492

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*

CATTLE ON FEED IN 13 QUARTERLY STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed October 1, 1993 for slaughter market in the 13 States preparing quarterly estimates totaled 9.69 million head, up 9% from a year ago and 12% above October 1, 1991. This is the largest October 1 inventory since 1978. The inventory included 6.28 million steers and steer calves, 6% above a year ago. This group accounts for 64.8% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.36 million head, 15% above a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 States during July-September 1993 quarter totaled 6.30 million, up 3% from last year and 16% above July-September 1991. Net placements of 6.03 million for July-September were up 3% from last year and up 18% from 1991.

Marketing of fed cattle during the July-September 1993 quarter totaled 5.83 million, up 1% from last year but 2% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 270 thousand head compared to 268 thousand in July-September 1992 and 282 thousand in July-September 1991. Cattle feeders expect to market 5.56 million head during the October-December quarter of 1993. This would be up 7% from the fourth quarter marketings in 1992 and up 6% from October-December of 1991.

CATTLE ON FEED [1] - NUMBER ON FEED, BY QUARTERS

STATE	OCTOBER 1, 1992	JULY 1, 1993	OCTOBER 1, 1993	
			NUMBER	As % Of 1992
	1,000 Head			
Arizona	180	173	189	105
California	385	350	355	92
Colorado	840	840	920	110
Idaho	265	260	235	89
Illinois	235	280	250	106
Iowa	660	810	720	109
Kansas	1,700	1,600	1,750	103
Minnesota	230	290	225	98
Nebraska	1,760	1,810	1,800	102
Oklahoma	310	340	385	124
S. Dakota	195	230	180	92
Texas	1,970	2,340	2,480	126
Washington	190	170	202	106
13 States	8,920	9,493	9,691	109

[1] *Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.*

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COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) by Crop, State and United States, October 15, 1990-93

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	1990 [1]	1991	1992	1993
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	245,374	195,850	80,650	166,750
Arizona	117,750	146,550	243,250	189,800
Arkansas	416,339	603,900	387,100	411,650
California	444,724	211,450	577,000	257,200
Florida	[2]	[2]	3,300	[2]
Georgia	166,676	112,200	54,500	201,250
Louisiana	803,595	550,000	648,300	566,850
Mississippi	1,084,606	947,200	728,100	663,050
Missouri	119,430	237,150	116,500	134,600
New Mexico	[2]	6,600	6,300	13,850
North Carolina	**67,692**	**130,850**	**16,550**	**132,100**
Oklahoma	34,081	11,500	16,550	54,150
South Carolina	69,405	93,550	24,450	81,750
Tennessee	230,631	273,050	175,750	235,250
Texas	917,739	1,421,850	967,850	1,336,850
Virginia	[3]	[2]	0	[2]
UNITED STATES	4,738,797	4,955,000	4,046,150	4,475,700
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	4,138	1,650	11,700	6,700
California	[2]	[2]	17,800	[2]
New Mexico	[2]	0	[2]	5,150
Texas	8,016	11,250	5,950	5,150
Other States	[2]	[2]	[2]	2,600
UNITED STATES	14,753	13,800	36,400	14,450

[1] Source: Bureau of Census. [2] Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins. [3] No gins operated until 1991.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Crop conditions continue to be mostly fair across the State. Near normal rainfall during October has helped improve soil moisture conditions from last month. As of November 7, soil moisture supplies were rated 35% short, 50% adequate and 15% surplus.

Production estimates for most crops continue to be below 1992 levels. Corn for grain and peanut harvests are near completion with corn 96% harvested, compared with 94% last year and peanuts dug at 92% compared with 99% last year. Sweetpotato harvest continues slightly behind last year with 78% harvested compared to 88% in 1992. Cotton harvest continues ahead of schedule with 75% harvested compared with only 34% at this time last year. Small grain seeding continues with 47% of the wheat crop planted and 30% emerged as of November 7.

N.C. CORN PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

North Carolina's corn production is forecast at 51.0 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 48% below the 1992 production. Yield per acre is expected to average 60 bushels, 35 bushels below last year's yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 850 thousand acres, 18% below last year. Combining was 96% completed as of November 7.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 6.50 billion bushels, down 7% from the October 1 forecast and 31% below the record high production of 1992. Yields are expected to average 103.1 bushels per acre, down 7.2 bushels from last month and 28.3 bushels below the record high yield of 131.4 bushels set last year. Acreage for harvest as grain is estimated at 63.1 million acres, down 15,000 acres from last month. Yields are down sharply from last month in the Western Corn Belt as the late maturing crop was hit hard by an early October frost. Low grain weights per ear and low test weights resulted in much lower yields than previously expected.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

The November 1 soybean forecast places production at 28.8 million bushels, unchanged from a month earlier but 21% less than a year earlier. Yield is forecast at 24.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels below 1992. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.2 million acres, 11% below a year earlier. Harvest was 17% completed as of November 7.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 1.83 billion bushels as of November 1, down 3% from the October 1 forecast and 16% below 1992. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1988. Yield is forecast at 32.7 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel below October 1 and 4.9 bushels below 1992. Area to be harvested, at 56.0 million acres, is down 10 thousand acres from the October 1 estimate. Harvest, at 80% complete, continues to progress but is behind last year and the average by 3 points.

FLUE-CURED PRODUCTION FORECAST UP

The production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina is estimated at 574 million pounds, up 4% from the October 1 forecast but 3% less than last year's production. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,199 pounds, 87 pounds above the earlier forecast but 68 pounds below last year's yield. Area for harvest is estimated at 261,000 acres, unchanged from the previous month and 1992.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 872 million pounds, 4% above the October 1 forecast but 4% below 1992's production. Yield per acre, at 2,183 pounds, is 74 pounds short of last year's yield. Area for harvest, at 400 million acres, is virtually unchanged from 1992. Auctions were complete by the end of October.

N.C. BURLEY PROSPECTS UNCHANGED

The North Carolina burley tobacco crop is forecast at 17 million pounds, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 7% less than last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 2 thousand pounds, up 10 pounds per acre from the 1992 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 8,500, unchanged from last month but 8% less than in 1992.

U.S. burley production, at 639 million pounds, is 1% above the October 1 forecast but 11% below 1992. Leaf stripping has gotten off to a good start in Kentucky and Tennessee.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, NOVEMBER 1, 1993

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993	1991	1992	Indicated 1993
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
N.C.	**11**	**104.0**	**98.0**	**98.0**	**2,275**	**2,195**	**2,150**	**236,600**	**215,110**	**210,700**
N.C.	**12**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**129.0**	**2,345**	**2,345**	**2,250**	**302,505**	**302,505**	**290,250**
N.C.	**13**	**33.0**	**34.0**	**34.0**	**2,350**	**2,175**	**2,150**	**77,550**	**73,950**	**73,100**
N.C.	**11-13**	**266.0**	**261.0**	**261.0**	**2,318**	**2,267**	**2,199**	**616,655**	**591,565**	**574,050**
Va.	11	39.0	37.0	37.0	2,260	2,205	2,000	88,140	81,585	74,000
S.C.	13	51.0	52.0	52.0	2,180	2,160	2,130	111,180	112,320	110,760
Ga.	14	40.0	44.0	42.0	2,015	2,295	2,250	80,600	100,980	94,500
Fla.	14	6.6	7.5	7.5	2,320	2,610	2,500	15,312	19,575	18,750
U.S.	11-14	402.6	401.5	399.5	2,265	2,257	2,183	911,887	906,025	872,060

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 1993

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	30	20	66	60	1,980	1,200
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	50	30	60	60	3,000	1,800
Rye [1]	Bu.	15	30	24	25	360	750
Wheat, grain [1]	Bu.	555	560	50	42	27,750	23,520
Corn, Grain	Bu.	1,040	850	95	60	98,800	51,000
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	377	385	596	536	468	430
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	153	152	2,660	1,800	406,980	273,600
Sorghum, grain [1]	Bu.	20	15	50	50	1,000	750
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	1,350	1,200	27	24	36,450	28,800
Tobacco: Type 11	Lb.	98	98	2,195	2,150	215,110	210,700
Type 12	Lb.	129	129	2,345	2,250	302,505	290,250
Type 13	Lb.	34	34	2,175	2,150	73,950	73,100
Type 11-13	Lb.	261	261	2,267	2,199	591,565	574,050
Type 31	Lb.	9.2	8.5	1,990	2,000	18,308	17,000
All	Lb.	270.2	269.5	2,257	2,193	609,873	591,050
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	30	20	2.80	2.50	84	50
Other [1]	Ton	500	450	2.30	1.90	1,150	855
All [1]	Ton	530	470	2.33	1.93	1,234	905
Fruit & Nuts:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	10,900	[5]	22,000	[5]	240,000	290,000
Grapes [1 4]	Ton	520	[5]	2.5	[5]	1.3	2.0
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	2,100	[5]	5,710	[5]	12,000	38,000
Pecans, All [1]	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	2,500	3,500
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	17,300	17,300	200	180	3,460	3,114
Summer [1]	Cwt.	1,400	1,200	110	100	154	120
Spring & Summer [1]	Cwt.	18,700	18,500	193	175	3,614	3,234
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	87	68	-	-
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley, grain [1]	Bu.	7,325	7,062	62.5	58.9	457.9	415.8
Oats, grain [1]	Bu.	4,492	3,813	65.6	54.6	294.8	208.1
Rye [1]	Bu.	406	381	29.4	27.1	12.0	10.3
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	41,893	43,851	38.3	40.3	1,606.5	1,769.3
All [1]	Bu.	62,411	62,982	39.4	38.4	2,458.9	2,421.5
Corn, Grain	Bu.	72,144	63,095	131.4	103.1	9,478.9	6,503.2
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	10,883.1	12,982.3	693	588	15.7	15.9
All [2]	Lb.	11,143.3	13,174.3	699	594	16.2	16.3
Peanuts, nuts	Lb.	1,672.1	1,648.5	2,562	1,973	4,284.3	3,252.8
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	12,150	9,748	72.8	63.6	884.0	620.4
Soybeans, beans	Bu.	58,183	56,023	37.6	32.7	2,187.9	1,833.8
Tobacco: Type 11-14	Lb.	402	400	2,257	2,183	906.0	872.0
Type 31	Lb.	333	298	2,163	2,148	719.6	639.2
All	Lb.	785	745	2,194	2,157	1,721.6	1,605.3
Hay: Alfalfa [1 3]	Ton	24,159	24,291	3.30	3.46	79.7	84.0
Other [1]	Ton	35,438	36,704	1.96	1.91	69.5	70.0
All [1]	Ton	59,597	60,995	2.50	2.53	149.1	154.0
Fruit & Nuts:							
Apples [1 4]	Lb.	472.4	[5]	22,000	[5]	10,719.5	10,512.5
Grapes [1 4]	Ton	744.6	[5]	8.27	[5]	6.1	5.6
Peaches [1 4]	Lb.	182.0	[5]	14,600	[5]	2,658.5	2,769.1
Pecans, All [1]	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	166.0	378.5
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [1]	Cwt.	83.0	83.8	259	234	21.5	19.6
Summer [1]	Cwt.	86.0	87.6	248	232	21.3	20.3
Spring & Summer [1]	Cwt.	169.0	171.4	253	233	42.8	39.9
Pasture Conditions	%	-	-	78	82	-	-

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480-lb bales. [3] Includes Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures. [4] Total production. [5] Released 1/12/94. [6] Not estimated.

N.C. PEANUT FORECAST UNCHANGED

North Carolina peanut production is forecast at 273.6 million pounds, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and 33% less than the 1992 crop. Yield is forecast at 1,800 pounds, 860 pounds less than the 1992 yield. Area for harvest is set at 152,000 acres, 1,000 acres less than last year.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 3.25 billion pounds, down fractionally from the October 1 forecast and 24% below the 1992 crop. Late crop maturity in the Southwest and disappointing yields in the Virginia-North Carolina area reduced prospects. Harvested area, at 1.65 million acres, dropped 1,000 acres from October 1 and is 1% below the 1992 level. Yields are expected to average 1,973 pounds, down 2 pounds from last month and 589 pounds below last year. Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 410 million pounds, down 5% from last month and 38% below last year. Yields of 1,688 pounds are 1,008 pounds below last year's average.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, OCTOBER 1993			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	Oct. 1992	July 1993	Oct. 1993
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	**223.00**	213.00	191.00	203.00	206.00	202.00
38-42% Protein	**338.00**	333.00	317.00	303.00	324.00	321.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	**183.00**	172.00	191.00	177.00	179.00	181.00
18% Protein	**194.00**	181.00	209.00	186.00	183.00	188.00
20% Protein	**195.00**	189.00	212.00	188.00	186.00	191.00
32% Protein	**294.00**	268.00	316.00	280.00	298.00	300.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein	**278.00**	291.00	294.00	254.00	264.00	270.00
Poultry Feeds						
Broiler Grower	**219.00**	214.00	245.00	203.00	204.00	218.00
Chick Starter	**249.00**	225.00	256.00	227.00	228.00	231.00
Laying Feed	**201.00**	210.00	207.00	196.00	201.00	208.00
Turkey Grower	**233.00**	246.00	256.00	242.00	248.00	251.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Alfalfa Meal	**13.10**	12.40	11.40	10.90	11.40	11.50
Alfalfa Pellets	**13.40**	13.70	11.50	[2]	11.50	11.70
Bran	**11.40**	10.10	10.20	10.70	10.90	11.00
Corn Meal	**7.70**	8.30	6.30	7.25	7.27	7.35
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	**14.20**	13.00	15.90	14.50	14.90	15.40
Soybean Meal 44%	**14.70**	13.90	13.10	12.90	13.90	14.10
Molasses, Liquid	**11.20**	8.60	12.30	10.00	10.70	10.50
	Dollars - Per 50 Lb.					
Stock Salt	**4.10**	4.80	3.60	3.65	3.58	3.59

[1] Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH. [2] Survey item added January 1993.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST UP

The forecast for cotton production in North Carolina is 430 thousand bales, up 2% from the October 1 forecast but down 8% from 1992. The average yield per acre is forecast at 536 pounds, up 12 pounds from last month but 60 pounds below the 1992 average. Area for harvest is estimated at 385 thousand acres, 2% more than a year ago. Harvest was 75% complete by November 7.

U.S. all cotton production, at 16.3 million bales, decreased 4% from the October 1 forecast but was 1% above the 1992 output. Yield decreased 20 pounds from the previous month, to an average of 594 pounds, the result of adverse weather during the growing season. Arkansas' production was off 240 thousand bales from October and Texas' production was 100 thousand bales lower than last month.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS UP FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 1.60 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.48 billion pounds last year. This total includes 787 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 786 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 27.4 million pounds. There were 23.2 million pounds Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of September 30, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 591 million pounds of which 574 million pounds were edible grades and 17.3 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 64.4 million pounds; Runners, 476 million pounds; and Spanish, 33.5 million pounds.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Oct. 15 1991 [1]	Oct. 15 1992 [1]	Sept. 15 1993 [1]	Oct. 15 1993
Prices Received: All Farm Products	238	239	241	242
All Crops	252	255	250	252
Tobacco	271	277	264	269
Oil Bearing	223	233	255	243
Grains	187	156	181	192
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	186	186
Fruits	206	279	227	208
Livestock and Livestock Products	214	209	225	225
Meat Animals	247	245	272	267
Poultry	191	181	200	204
Dairy	234	240	226	223
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	260	252	264	263
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	382	389	[4]	402
Parity Ratio [3]	68	65	[4]	66

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The October 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 242% of its 1967 base, was up 1 point from the previous month. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, corn, turkeys and eggs. The index was 3 points above a year earlier.

The October 1993 "All Crops" index, at 252, was up 2 points from the previous month but 3 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for October 1993, at 225, was unchanged from the previous month but 16 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for October 1993, at 267, was down 5 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 204, was up 4 points. The dairy index, at 223, was down 3 points from a month earlier.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1993	Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.820	1.735	1.765	1.820	1.730	1.755
Corn	Bu.	2.12	2.48	2.63	2.05	2.21	2.28
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.31	1.32	1.34
Soybeans	Bu.	5.36	6.15	5.98	5.26	6.21	5.87
Peanuts, In Shell.	Lb.	.324	.336	.314	.298	.319	.301
Hogs, All	Cwt.	42.10	48.80	47.80	42.00	47.80	47.20
Milk Cows	Hd.	1180.00	-	1160.00	1150.00	-	1170.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.305	.345	.335	.331	.365	.351
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.390	.410	.450	.385	.404	.431
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.358	.375	.435	.457	.453	.49
Milk, All	Cwt.	15.40	14.50	14.30	13.40	12.70	12.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.55	5.10	5.04
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.190	.135	.115	.212	.265	.224
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	70.30	77.60	82.50

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in October 1993 was $1.765 per pound, up 3 cents from the previous month but 5.5 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.63 per bushel, were up 15 cents from a month earlier and 51 cents above a year ago. Soybeans, at $5.98 per bushel, were down 17 cents from a month earlier but 62 cents above a year ago. Peanuts, at 31.4 cents per bushel, were 2.2 cents below a month ago.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in October, at $47.80 per hundredweight, were down $1.00 from September but $5.70 above a year earlier. Commercial broilers, at 33.5 cents per pound, were down 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 45.0 cents per pound, were up 4.0 cents from the previous month. Table eggs, at 43.5 cents per dozen, were up 6.0 cents from a month earlier.

All milk, at $14.30 per hundredweight, was down 20 cents from a month earlier and $1.10 below a year earlier. Apples, at 11.5 cents per pound, were 2.0 cents below the previous month.

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OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 260 million eggs during October 1993, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 144 million table eggs and 116 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 2% while hatching eggs were up 7% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during October was 13.2 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 6.9 million layers for table eggs and 6.3 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.15 billion eggs during October 1993, up 2% from the 6.01 billion eggs produced a year ago. Production included 5.31 billion table eggs, 782 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 58.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The average number of layers during October was 285 million, up 2% from the 279 million a year ago. October 1993 egg production averaged 2,156 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 2,151 eggs per 100 layers in October 1992.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1993 totaled 285 million compared with 280 million a year ago. The 285 million layers consisted of 241 million for table or commercial type eggs, 41.7 for broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million for egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1993 averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from last year's 69.9 eggs per 100 layers.

EGG PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**12,941**	**13,170**	**255**	**260**	**147**	**144**	**108**	**116**
Alabama	10,716	10,344	214	204	105	94	109	110
Florida	9,313	9,454	197	204	184	191	13	13
Georgia	18,169	19,481	379	406	248	272	131	134
South Carolina	5,601	4,946	127	107	113	90	14	17
United States	279,285	285,070	6,010	6,145	5,198	5,305	812	840

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina during October 1993 totaled 120 million pounds, down 5% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 92 thousand head, down 4 thousand from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 1,305 pounds, was down 10 pounds from October 1992.

Nationally, milk production in the 21 major states during October totaled 10.4 billion pounds, down 1% from production in these same states in October 1992. September revised production at 10.2 billion pounds was down 1% from September 1992.

Production per cow in the 21 major states averaged 1,283 pounds for October, 5 pounds above October 1992. The number of milk cows on farms in the 21 major states was 8.10 million head, 143 thousand below October 1992 and 15 thousand below September 1993.

MILK PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW		MILK PRODUCTION [2]		
	1992	1993	1992	1993	Pounds 1992	Pounds 1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**96**	**92**	**1,315**	**1,305**	**126**	**120**	**95**
Florida	181	179	1,060	1,085	192	194	101
Maryland	100	96	1,180	1,220	118	117	99
Virginia	135	131	1,265	1,250	171	164	96
21 STATES	8,238	8,095	1,278	1,283	10,532	10,385	99

[1] *Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.* [2] *Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 1993 totaled 29.3 million, up 5% from a year earlier. The 21.0 million poults placed during October 1993 in the United States were down 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago.

TURKEY HATCHERY - NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators October 1			Poults Placed During September [1]		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,326**	**10,715**	**104**	**8,686**	**7,883**	**91**
East North Central	3,918	4,052	103	2,766	2,880	104
West North Central	7,838	8,685	111	6,292	5,715	91
South Central	3,077	3,513	114	2,027	2,298	113
West	2,757	2,356	85	2,095	2,180	104
UNITED STATES	27,916	29,321	105	21,866	20,956	96

[1] *Excludes exported poults.*

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 53.7 million broiler-type chicks during October 1993, up 6% from a year ago.

Nationally, the October 1993 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 580 million, was 6% above October of the previous year. There were 478 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 1993, up 11% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 5.51 million broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 1993, up 2% from October 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**50,895**	**53,727**	**106**
Alabama	84,084	86,002	102
Arkansas	97,548	101,651	104
Delaware	14,221	15,204	107
Florida	12,254	12,917	105
Georgia	77,522	82,357	106
Maryland	30,951	31,051	100
Mississippi	40,528	44,482	110
Pennsylvania	10,497	9,876	94
South Carolina	9,756	13,121	134
Texas	33,053	33,726	102
Virginia	17,018	18,183	107
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	23,100	26,450	115
Washington & Oregon	4,605	4,780	104
Other States [1]	40,961	46,392	113
UNITED STATES	546,993	579,919	106
15 STATES [2]	501,427	528,747	105

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. [2] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above except Wash. & Oreg. Data is included in the U. S. total.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during October 1993 totaled 32.2 million, up 1% from October 1992. Eggs in incubators totaled 27.5 million on November 1, 1993, up 15% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 251 thousand during October 1993, up 6% from the 237 thousand of October 1992.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	1992	1993	1993 As % Of 1992
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	1,119	977	87
Florida	1,590	1,643	103
Georgia	1,961	2,092	107
Indiana	6,074	5,740	95
Iowa	2,928	3,064	105
Kansas	318	227	71
Minnesota	1,965	1,733	88
Missouri	482	324	67
Pennsylvania	3,960	3,783	96
Other States [1]	11,598	12,658	109
UNITED STATES	31,995	32,241	101

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1993 AS % OF	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1992	1993	1994
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands 7-18 Months Earlier [2]*		
DOMESTIC							
January	79	181	193	107	2,483	2,529	2,806
February	139	273	119	44	2,375	2,553	2,812
March	279	186	268	144	2,322	2,604	2,754
April	231	178	251	141	2,337	2,655	2,787
May	250	262	275	105	2,437	2,637	2,801
June	179	225	267	119	2,476	2,696	
July	213	237	243	103	2,381	2,738	
August	226	277	219	79	2,483	2,750	
September	186	237	270	114	2,617	2,596	
October	255	237	251	106	2,524	2,678	
November	210	269			2,471	2,751	
December	134	176			2,483	2,764	
ANN.TOT.	2,381	2,738					

[1] Reported by leading breeders, includes expected pullet placements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For October 1993, includes pullet chicks placed April 1992 through March 1993.

OCTOBER LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during October 1993 totaled 144.5 million pounds, up 36% from a year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 129.4 million pounds, was up 41% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaling 15.0 million pounds was unchanged. Calf slaughter at 58 thousand pounds, was down 13%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,029 pounds; calves 301 pounds; hogs 250 pounds; sheep and lambs, 80 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during October 1993 totaled 100.8 million pounds dress weight, up 43% from a year earlier.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during October 1993 totaled 3.50 billion pounds, 4% below a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 1.98 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.80 million, down 2%. The average live weight increased 7 pounds to 1,187. **Veal production**, at 22.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 8% from the previous record low set in October 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 97.4 thousand head, down 15%. The average live weight increased 25 pounds to 395. **Pork production**, at 1.47 billion pounds dress weight, was down 7% from October 1992. Hog kill totaled 8.04 million head, down 9% from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 254. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 25.0 million pounds dress weight, was down 14% from a year earlier and down 4% from the previous record low set in 1979. Slaughter totaled 406 thousand head, down 14%. The average live weight remained the same at 124 pounds.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

During the week of October 10 - 16, 1993, North Carolina farms hired 32 thousand workers. This compares to 22 thousand for the October 1992 survey week and 49 thousand for the July 1993 week. The average wage rate for North Carolina was $5.79, up $.02 from October 1992.

There were 3.25 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10 - 16, 1993. This is the same as the October 1992 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.54 million of the total, along with 503 thousand unpaid workers, and 928 thousand workers hired directly by farm operators. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $6.26 per hour during the October 1993 survey week.

WORKERS ON FARMS [1], OCTOBER 10 - 16, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	All Farm Workers		Self Employed		Unpaid		Hired					
							Number Of Workers		Expected To Be Employed			
									150 Days Or More		149 Days Or Less	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousands						*Thousands*					
Appalachian I	**116**	**132**	**65**	**65**	**10**	**15**	**41**	**52**	**25**	**25**	**16**	**27**
Appalachian II	218	200	140	138	29	28	49	34	28	19	21	15
Southeast	146	122	88	71	16	12	42	39	29	30	13	9
U.S. (49 states)	2,950	2,966	1,574	1,535	484	503	892	928	600	626	292	302

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was October 11 - 17. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], OCTOBER 10 - 16, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work								Method of Pay					
	Field		Livestock		Supervisory		Other		Hourly		Piece Rate		Other	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Dollars Per Hour								*Dollars Per Hour*					
Appalachian I	**5.37**	**5.58**	**5.72**	**5.71**	**8.12**	**8.08**	**7.05**	[4]	**5.33**	**5.35**	**6.24**	**6.89**	**6.52**	**6.25**
Appalachian II	4.93	5.16	5.09	4.85	8.40	[4]	[4]	[4]	5.10	5.07	[4]	[4]	6.75	[4]
Southeast	5.08	5.69	5.38	5.62	10.93	[4]	6.58	5.51	5.66	5.76	[4]	[4]	5.65	6.54
U.S. (49 States)	5.74	5.91	5.57	5.67	9.53	9.79	7.61	7.73	5.83	5.94	6.69	6.64	6.57	6.93

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 1992 was October 11 - 17. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] Insufficient data for this category.

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS [1], OCTOBER 10 - 16, 1993, WITH COMPARISONS [2]

REGION [3]	Hours Worked						Wage Rate	
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired		All Hired	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Hours						*Dollars Per Hour*	
Appalachian I	**34.4**	**30.4**	**33.8**	**30.3**	**38.2**	**35.1**	**5.70**	**5.78**
Appalachian II	26.0	25.8	32.3	29.7	31.1	34.9	5.43	5.23
Southeast	27.6	25.8	25.5	29.5	34.0	36.4	5.64	6.01
U.S. (49 States)	39.6	38.1	38.3	33.1	41.4	40.1	6.09	6.26

[1] Survey period in 1992 was October 11 - 17. [2] Excludes agricultural service workers. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - OCTOBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES			
	Number Slaughtered[1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered[1]		Total Live Weight	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	14.5	14.6	15,005	15,000	2.9	2.8	3,380	3,320
Calves	0.2	0.2	67	58	0.1	0.1	42	38
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	24	18	0.5	0.4	58	50
Hogs	362.8	518.6	91,474	129,408	8.8	8.0	2,210	2,041
TOTAL	377.7	533.6	106,570	144,484	12.3	11.3	5,690	5,449

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP

Cattle and calves on feed November 1, 1993 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 9.08 million head, up 6% from 1992 and 13% above 1991. This is the largest November 1 inventory since 1978.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during October totaled 2.47 million, down 7% from last year and 3% below 1991. Net placements of 2.40 million for October were down 7% from last year and 3% below 1991.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.54 million, up 3% from last year but 8% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 head, the same as October 1992 but 1% below October 1991.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, BY STATES, AUGUST 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED					
	1992	1993	1993/92	1992	1993	1993/92
	1,000 Head		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
	August 1			**September 1**		
Arizona	160	168	105	168	169	101
California	350	345	99	370	345	93
Colorado	730	800	110	690	790	114
Iowa	680	780	115	640	730	114
Kansas	1,600	1,570	98	1,620	1,690	104
Nebraska	1,570	1,680	107	1,600	1,660	104
Texas	1,910	2,310	121	1,880	2,370	126
7 States	7,000	7,653	109	6,968	7,754	111
	1992	1993	1993/92	1992	1993	1993/92
	October 1			**November 1**		
Arizona	180	189	105	214	221	103
California	385	355	92	430	375	87
Colorado	840	920	110	960	1,020	106
Iowa	660	720	109	740	790	107
Kansas	1,700	1,750	103	1,890	1,940	103
Nebraska	1,760	1,800	102	1,990	2,000	101
Texas	1,970	2,480	126	2,360	2,730	116
7 States	7,495	8,214	110	8,584	9,076	106

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GENERAL SITUATION

Due to mild temperatures and near normal rainfall during November, crop conditions are rated mostly fair to good across the State. As of December 5, soil moisture supplies were rated 21% short, 70% adequate and 9% surplus.

As of December 5, 1993, 95% of the cotton had been harvested compared with 70% last year. Soybeans were 76% harvested compared with 67% last year. Wheat seeding was 89% completed with 71% of the crop emerged. The condition of the emerging wheat crop was rated 1% poor, 30% fair, 67% good and 2% excellent.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PLANTINGS

U.S. winter wheat plantings progress reached 94% completion in the 19 major producing states as of November 7. This equaled average progress and was 2 points ahead of last year. Emergence was 93% as of November 28, just a point behind average. Seeding continued in Arizona, California, the Southeast and parts of Texas. Cold weather curtailed emergence in the Northwest and pushed the crop into dormancy across much of Kansas.

BURLEY TOBACCO, DECEMBER 1, 1993

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
	1992	Indicated 1993	1992	Indicated 1993	1992	Indicated 1993
	Acres		*Pounds*		*Thousand Pounds*	
North Carolina	**9,200**	**8,500**	**1,990**	**2,000**	**18,308**	**17,000**
Indiana	9,000	8,100	2,100	2,100	18,900	17,010
Kentucky	224,000	200,000	2,225	2,225	498,400	445,000
Missouri [1]	1,700	3,200	1,940	1,900	3,298	6,080
Ohio	10,400	10,000	2,100	2,070	21,840	20,700
Tennessee	64,000	54,000	2,000	1,950	128,000	105,300
Virginia	12,300	11,800	2,210	2,200	27,183	25,960
West Virginia [1]	2,100	2,000	1,725	1,750	3,623	3,500
United States	332,700	297,600	2,163	2,152	719,552	640,550

[1] *Estimate for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.*

N.C. BURLEY PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN

The North Carolina burley tobacco crop is forecast at 17.0 million pounds, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but down 7% from last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds, 10 pounds more than the 1992 average. Acres for harvest are estimated at 8,500, unchanged from last month but 8% less than 1992.

U.S. burley tobacco production is forecast at 641 million pounds, slightly higher than the November 1 forecast but 11% below 1992. Decreased acreage and lower yields were the contributing factors. Poundage quotas for 1993 were reduced by 10%, which contributed to reduced acres set for harvest. Dry summer weather in the southeastern parts of the U.S. had an adverse effect on yields.

U.S. COTTON GINNINGS

U.S. all cotton ginnings totaled 13,224,960 running bales prior to December 1, compared with 12,596,550 running bales ginned on the same date last year and 13,259,650 running bales in 1991.

U.S. COTTONSEED UP

U.S. cottonseed production for 1993, based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio, is expected to total 6.32 million tons, up 1% from the 1992 production of 6.23 million tons.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for "All Tobacco" by North Carolina farmers in November 1993 was $1.705 cents per pound, down 5.5 cents from the previous month and 9.0 cents below a year ago. Prices received for corn, at $2.94 per bushel, were up 41 cents from a month earlier and 78 cents above a year earlier. Soybeans, at $6.59 per bushel, were up 41 cents from the previous month and $1.26 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for "All Hogs" in November, at $43.60 per hundredweight, were down $4.80 from October but $2.50 above a year ago. Commercial broilers, at 32.5 cents per pound, were down 1.0 cent from the previous month. Turkeys, at 44.0 cents per pound, were down 1.0 cent from a month earlier. Table eggs, at 46.0 cents per dozen, were up 2.5 cents from the previous month.

All milk, at $15.00 per hundredweight, was up 70 cents from a month earlier and up 20 cents from a year ago. Apples, at 11.5 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Nov. 1992	Oct. 1993	Nov. 1993	Nov. 1992	Oct. 1993	Nov. 1993
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.795	1.760	1.705	1.830	1.750	1.695
Corn	Bu.	2.16	2.53	2.94	1.98	2.29	2.61
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.35	1.35	1.36
Soybeans	Bu.	5.33	6.18	6.59	5.36	6.01	6.56
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.259	.308	.283	.281	.298	.277
Hogs, All	Cwt.	41.10	48.40	43.60	41.10	47.00	43.60
Milk Cows	Hd.	-	1160.00	-	-	1170.00	-
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	.305	.335	.325	.333	.351	.347
Turkeys [2]	Lb.	.390	.450	.440	.394	.431	.429
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.500	.435	.460	.546	.490	.521
Milk, All	Cwt.	14.80	14.30	15.00	13.10	13.10	13.40
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.90	5.01	5.75
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	.188	.115	.115	.193	.224	.205
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	73.40	82.50	83.60

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

UNITED STATES PEANUT STOCKS DOWN 20% FROM LAST YEAR

Peanut stocks in commercial storage totaled 2.75 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.45 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.91 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 810 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock. Roasting stock totaled 32.3 million pounds. There were 87.0 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of October 31, 1993.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 609 million pounds of which 582 million pounds were edible grades and 27.8 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were: Virginias, 77.1 million pounds; Runners, 473 million pounds; and Spanish, 31.9 million pounds.

October millings totaled 339 million pounds. Millings by type were 116 million pounds of Virginias, 210 million pounds of Runners and 13.5 million pounds of Spanish.

Commercial processors utilized 136 million pounds of shelled edible grade peanuts during October. Utilization for all peanut butter products was 60.9 million pounds, utilization for peanut candy was 32.3 million pounds and utilization for snack peanuts was 39.5 million pounds. Crushing for oil, cake, and meal totaled 21.1 million pounds during the month.

Deliveries under the Government Domestic Feeding and Child Nutrition Programs amounted to 6.17 million pounds of peanut butter and 566 thousand pounds of roasted peanuts during October. There were no deliveries of peanut granules during the month.

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 430 thousand bales, unchanged from November 1 forecast but 8% less than the 1992 production. This forecast is based primarily on reports from cotton ginners as of December 1. Acreage harvested is estimated at 385 thousand acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 8 thousand acres from the 1992 harvested acreage. The resulting yield of 536 pounds per acre is 60 pounds less than last season's yield.

The U.S. all cotton production, at 16.3 million bales, is down slightly from November's forecast and 65 thousand bales above the 1992 output. Of the total, Upland is expected to account for 15.9 million bales, while Pima production will be 387 thousand bales. Total area for harvest is estimated at 13.1 million acres, up 17% from 1992. Yield is expected to average 594 pounds per acre, 3 pounds above November but down 102 pounds from last year.

In the Southeastern States (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina), harvest progress exceeded the 5-year average pace. Yields averaged 150 pounds below 1992 yields.

UPLAND COTTON, December 1, 1993

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION [1]	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	Thousand Acres		*Pounds*		*Thousand Bales* [2]	
North Carolina	**377.0**	**385.0**	**596**	**536**	**468.0**	**430.0**
Alabama	408.0	430.0	731	525	621.0	470.0
Arizona	323.0	315.0	1,077	1,195	725.0	784.0
Arkansas	980.0	1,000.0	823	576	1,681.0	1,200.0
California	995.0	1,045.0	1,359	1,309	2,817.0	2,850.0
Florida [3]	49.5	52.0	701	740	72.3	80.2
Georgia	456.0	590.0	783	569	744.0	700.0
Kansas [3]	.8	1.5	120	256	.2	.8
Louisiana	870.0	875.0	717	606	1,299.0	1,105.0
Mississippi	1,345.0	1,350.0	761	569	2,131.0	1,600.0
Missouri	328.0	338.0	792	490	541.0	345.0
New Mexico	37.0	60.0	616	704	47.5	88.0
Oklahoma	335.0	350.0	301	363	210.0	265.0
South Carolina	192.0	195.0	565	492	226.0	200.0
Tennessee	615.0	640.0	651	413	834.0	550.0
Texas	3,550.0	5,250.0	441	475	3,265.0	5,200.0
Virginia [3]	21.8	22.8	621	600	28.2	28.5
UNITED STATES	10,8831.1	12,899.3	693	592	15,710.2	15,896.5

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales. [3] Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

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INDEX (1967 = 100)	Nov. 15 1991 [1]	Nov. 15 1992 [1]	Oct. 15 1993 [1]	Nov. 15 1993
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	231	237	242	239
All Crops	245	250	251	248
Tobacco	270	274	268	260
Oil Bearing	186	209	245	245
Grains	184	159	185	213
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	186	186
Fruits	202	277	208	208
Livestock and Livestock Products	207	216	225	222
Meat Animals	234	246	269	255
Poultry	182	195	204	202
Dairy	239	231	223	234
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	254	249	265	262
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	402	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	66	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The November 1993 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 239% of its 1967 base, was down 3 points from a month ago. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, eggs and milk were offset by lower prices for tobacco, peanuts, hogs, broilers and turkeys. The index was 2 points above a year earlier.

The November 1993 "All Crops" index, at 248, was down 3 points from the previous month and 2 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for November 1993, at 222, was down 3 points from the previous month but 6 points above the previous year.

Meat animals index for November 1993, at 255, was down 14 points from the previous month. The poultry index, at 202, was down 2 points. The dairy index, at 234, was up 11 points from a month earlier.

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